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# Introduction

A SERIES of articles about manuscript holdings in Illinois was first planned for *Illinois Libraries* by Margaret Cross Norton, former State Archivist, when she served as editor of the magazine in 1954. Miss Norton invited librarians of large manuscript collections to contribute to the magazine, the articles to appear regularly for several years. The first of the series was printed in *Illinois Libraries* in 1954. Upon her retirement from archival work in 1957, Miss Norton suggested to the present editors that the program be continued. The "Manuscript Issue" is the completion of Miss Norton's initiatory efforts and this issue is rightfully dedicated to her.

The editors have deviated from the original plan in two ways. We decided to print the material under one cover and to extend the scope of the project to state-wide proportions. To accomplish this, librarians of major manuscript libraries were requested to prepare their reports for a special issue, and other librarians throughout the state were sent a questionnaire concerning local history and manuscript collections. Librarians of larger manuscript collections were asked to give a descriptive picture of their collections, and other librarians of public libraries, colleges, and historical societies were asked for an itemized listing of their manuscript and local history material. A combination of the two—the articles and the questionnaires—will, the editors hope, provide a general survey of manuscript holdings in Illinois.

Response to letters of request and to approximately six hundred questionnaires was, for the most part, encouraging. Librarians of larger manuscript libraries contributed excellent and detailed reports, for which the editors wish to express their appreciation, and many public and college librarians returned the questionnaires with complete information. This material has been incorporated into the present issue, objectives of which are (1) to give an indication of the volume of manuscript material available in Illinois and (2) to stimulate interest in local history and, thereby, encourage librarians to become "protectors" of our state's history.

Many public librarians expressed interest in collecting local memorabilia and asked for suggestions in promoting the idea on a community level. The editors invite librarians and historians with experience in this subject to write for our readers programs for establishing local history collections. We wish to thank Charles E. Haggerty, Librarian, Danville Public Library, who has already aided this cause through his article, "The Role of the Public Library in Preserving Local History," which appeared in the October, 1957, issue of *Illinois Libraries*.

The material in the present issue has been alphabetically arranged, the descriptive articles coming first; the survey, second. Since the longer articles

are general in approach, grouping manuscripts under large categories, the editors decided that an index of this information would be of little use, it being necessary for the reader to study the complete articles to grasp the inclusiveness of these extensive collections; moreover, bibliographies of much of this material have appeared elsewhere in print. The survey material, however, is new, and the items listed have not previously appeared in catalogs. A name or partial index, which concludes the issue, has therefore been prepared for the survey information.

THE EDITORS

# The Augustana College Archives

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AUGUSTANA College is fortunate in having been a depository of important primary sources of the Augustana Lutheran Church. Although immigrants founded many colleges in the Middle West, no college or university in Illinois has a more unique collection of source materials on a single immigrant group, and perhaps only Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, and St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota, have collections comparable to the one found at Augustana.

The founders of Augustana College were the products of the secondary schools and the universities of Sweden. Their educational background was classical and theological and could be described in the broadest sense as one of liberal arts. Lars P. Esbjorn, first president of Augustana College and Theological Seminary, was a product of Upsala University, Sweden's oldest university. T. N. Hasselquist, who succeeded Esbjorn as president in 1863, was a graduate of Lund. Hasselquist had not been president of the college and the seminary very long before he sought to make this institution a depository of the historical records of the Swedish immigrants in America. A

rich Swedish literature in America had by this time begun to flower. This, T. N. Hasselquist wished to preserve, and he was unusually successful. After receiving financial support from the Royal Library of Stockholm, Sweden, he sought to collect whatever literature in the Swedish language was produced in America. Augustana College has today a most interesting collection of Swedish-American newspapers and periodicals which cover the period from 1855 to the present. It is a monument to the foresight of Hasselquist. This great man died in 1890 and since that time Augustana has been the recipient of a number of important collections of Swedish - Americana. Two of the most important of these are the O. A. Linder and the G. N. Swan collections. Both of these contain works of varied literary merits produced by Swedish immigrants in America, chiefly history, poetry, novels, etc. In addition, the Linder Collection consists of numerous clippings from newspapers and magazines pertaining to the life and contributions of Swedish immigrants in all fields of activity. To the Linder collection has been added a large number of photostat copies of letters written by immigrants and published in the Swedish press from 1840-1880.

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The problem of collecting this material, all of which was in the printed form, offered many obstacles, some of which were never solved satisfactorily. The Swedish immigrants were too literate and too prolific, and as a result the press was kept busy. The author of this article prepared and published in 1935 a guide to the hundreds of newspapers and periodicals which were published by the Swedes in America. For five years the author also labored on a bibliography of all the literature pertaining to these immigrants, only to discover that the cost of printing such a large bibliography is prohibitive. This gives the reader a concept of the size of the collections found in the Augustana College Archives.

The material consists of primary historical sources, for instance, the complete minutes of the Augustana Synod since 1860 as well as of all the conferences of the Synod, even those which antedate the larger church body; scattered minutes and proceedings of other Swedish denominational groups; and more incomplete files of the records of secular groups, societies, clubs, etc. It is material which is usually not regarded as archive material, yet, at Augustana College it is looked upon as part of the archives.

Archive material is often thought of in terms of manuscripts and unpublished records. Augustana College has a very significant collection of this type of historical sources dating back to 1849. This writer has classified some of these major sources into the following groups: The Hasselquist Papers, the Esbjorn

Papers, the Norelius Papers, the Jonas Auslund Papers, the Erland Carlsson Papers, Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Special Manuscripts, and Church Records of congregations. Since 1931, some very important manuscript collections have been acquired, including those of O. C. T. Andren, Jonas Swensson, Olof Olsson, G. A. Brandelle, Gustav Andreen and L. G. Abrahamson. This material, consisting of thousands upon thousands of letters and other manuscripts, was organized and classified during the 1930's.

The separation of the college from the seminary a few years ago impelled those who were interested in the archives to look upon the archives in a new light. The material which pertains to the records of the Augustana Lutheran Church are to be turned over to Augustana Theological seminary, which has become the depository for the Church. The significant manuscript sources fall into three groups:

1. The records and manuscripts, published and unpublished, which pertain to the Church.

2. The records and manuscripts, published and unpublished, which concern Augustana College and Theological Seminary.

3. The records and historical sources which deal with the Swedish immigrant in general.

The first group of materials is remarkable, including the minutes of the Synod and all of its conferences, the records of special synodical organizations and committees such as the Augustana Foreign Missionary Society, the correspondence of the



leading clergymen of the Synod, records of congregations, autobiographies, daybooks, sermons, etc. The Augustana Synod was not more than ten years old when Erik Norelius wrote his short history of the Augustana Synod, a work which aimed to do little more than to call the Swedes' attention to the achievements of the early Swedish immigrants in the Mississippi Valley in order to attract more immigrants. Norelius became the historian of the Synod, and was charged with the duty of collecting and preserving the records of the Swedish Lutheran congregations. For this purpose the Synod appropriated special funds. On the basis of the material that Norelius had collected, he wrote an account of the Swedish Lutheran Churches in America. The first volume, published in 1890, is very comprehensive and shows Norelius at his best as he describes the pioneer period of the church in which he had played such an important role. The second volume brings little credit upon Norelius. The church had grown too large; Norelius was an old man in 1916 and he followed the line of least resistance. The second volume is, therefore, chiefly drawn, if not (yes, almost) lifted outright from minutes of the Synod and the conferences. The material which Norelius had collected was turned over, upon his death, to the archives of the college and the seminary. It became an important part of the archives and was merged with other material already found in the archives or secured since that time. Thus it is no longer possible to speak

of a body of material as the Norelius collection.

The material in the archives, regardless of whether it deals with the Synod, Augustana College and Theological Seminary, or the Swedish immigrants in general, is to be found in a number of steel files where it is referred to as "the letters of . . ." or "the records of . . .," or it is found in special carton boxes which are identified as "the papers of . . ."

The Augustana archives has not been fortunate enough to have a professional archivist. But the material is organized in a chronological order and it is readily accessible. The organization of this material was made possible during the depression, when an effort was also made to translate many of the letters. These translations are filed side by side with the originals.

The most important archival material found under the title of records are the original minutes of the Augustana Synod since 1860, the minutes of the Illinois Conference since 1853 (the Mississippi and Chicago Conferences), Committee reports, and a few records of congregations.

The term "letters" or "correspondence of" is important as it is applied to varied types of records found in the steel files. To be sure, most of the material consists of letters, but there are also daybooks, reports, manuscripts of sermons and of published works, receipts, etc. It is only possible to list these briefly.

**G. A. ANDREEN** letters, 1901-1935.

This is a large collection consisting of correspondence of Dr. G. A. Andreen as president of Augustana

College. The letters are addressed to Andreen.

**JONAS AUSLUND** letters, 1867-1878, illustrate the nature of those collections called "letters" or "correspondence." The collection is not one of the larger ones nor is it the smallest one. It contains 548 letters written to the Rev. Jonas Auslund, a pioneer pastor in Minnesota. These were written by the leading clergymen of the Augustana Synod; 80 of them by P. Sjoblom; 27 by T. N. Hasselquist; and 21 by Erik Norelius. But the collection contains, as do most of the "letters," a daybook, sermons in manuscript, reports, and receipts.

**G. A. BRANDELLE** correspondence, 1925-1935, consists of letters addressed to Brandelle while he was president of the Augustana Synod.

**P. A. CEDERSTAM** letters, 1854-1864, 1882-1903, are letters written by P. A. Cederstam to Erik Norelius, and they were at one time a part of the Norelius Letters. Cederstam was a pioneer pastor in Minnesota.

**L. P. ESBJORN** letters, 1849-1863, is perhaps one of the most important collection of letters found in the college archives. Many of these letters have been published, as has his diary which he kept while he crossed the Atlantic on the sailship "Cobden" in 1849 to America. Esbjorn became the founder of the church at Andover and in 1857 he was elected professor at Illinois State University, now Concordia College of Springfield, Illinois. Three years later he became the

president of Augustana College and Theological Seminary and in 1863 he returned to Sweden.

**T. N. HASSELQUIST** letters, 1852-1890, is a collection of greatest importance. Hasselquist served from 1852-1863 as pastor at Galesburg and Knoxville; in 1860 he became president of the Augustana Synod (1860-1870) and in 1863 he became the second president of Augustana College and Theological Seminary. He died in 1890. The Hasselquist Letters consist of letters written to him and six copy books of letters written by him, sermons, manuscripts of a varied nature, and an interesting daybook kept by his wife while she and her husband visited Sweden in 1870. Many of Hasselquist's letters have been published.

**L. A. JOHNSTON** letters, 1911-1918, consists of letters addressed to Johnston as president of the Augustana Synod, during the years 1911-1918. Johnston was the first president of the Synod who was born in America. It is a collection that has remained largely untouched by the student of history.

**JOSUA LINDAHL** letters, 1888-1893. These are photostatic copies of letters written to Professor E. O. Ulrich of Newport, Kentucky, by Lindahl when he was curator of the Illinois Natural History Museum and State Geologist. Lindahl was an early science teacher at Augustana.

**ERIK NORELIIUS** letters, 1854-1915, is one of the richest of all the collections and it consists not only of a large number of letters over a long

period of time but of a variety of materials such as manuscripts of sermons, reports, and his important daybook, which has been translated and published. Many letters from this collection have appeared in print. The Cederstam letters, referred to earlier, undoubtedly belonged with this group of papers. Norelius was an important pioneer pastor of Minnesota, he was Synod's official historian, and during the years 1874-1881 and 1899-1911 he served as president of the Synod.

OLOF OLSSON letters, 1850-1900, are not as complete as they should be. The collection consists of letters, sermons, and a few other manuscripts. Olsson was a pioneer pastor in Kansas who later became associated with the Augustana College and Theological Seminary, where he succeeded Hasselquist as president in 1890.

P. SJOBLUM letters, 1866-1892, consists of letters addressed to Sjoblom including the L. G. Almen letters and private letters from members of the family. A few other Almen letters are to be found. Sjoblom was a fighting pioneer pastor of Minnesota.

JONAS SWENSSON letters, 1855-1873, are letters addressed to Swensson while he served as pastor in Pennsylvania and New York and at Andover, Illinois. He came to Andover in 1858 and died in 1873.

In the steel files are also to be found the microfilm copy of the parish register of St. Ansgarius Church of

Chicago, an Episcopal Church founded by the Swedish immigrants in Chicago under the leadership of Gustaf Unonius, and a microfilm copy of the O. G. Lange Diary. Lange was a Swedish immigrant who established himself in Chicago in 1838.

From a description of the above historical records found in the steel files it is apparent that great difficulties will present themselves in deciding what materials the college will be able to retain and what materials will be deposited in the archives of Augustana Seminary. L. P. Esbjorn, T. N. Hasselquist, and Olof Olsson were men whose names are inseparably associated with Augustana College and Theological Seminary and the entire work of the Augustana Synod. The separation of the college and the seminary archival materials are no less difficult in regard to materials found in carton boxes. These, which are numerous, consist of what are called "Papers" for the absence of a better name. They are as follows:

DR. L. G. ABRAHAMSON papers, 1875-1936, which consist of a copy book of letters written by Abrahamson prior to 1895, a large number of sermons, manuscripts of articles written by Abrahamson, copies of addresses or speeches, diplomas, family albums, etc. Abrahamson was for many years a leading clergyman and the editor of *Augustana*, the chief organ of the Augustana Synod. This collection of papers was given to the college by the daughters of Dr. Abrahamson.



REV. ANDREEN notes and books, 1853-1867, which consist of 19 books, five sermons, and notes and letters. This material originally belonged to Dr. G. A. Andreen, who was a son of A. Andreen, a pioneer pastor. The latter name is associated with the seaman's and immigrant's missions in New York City. 1 box.

DR. G. A. ANDREEN papers, 1879-1935, which contain diplomas, correspondence, testimonials, family pictures, clippings, notes, three daybooks (1901-1902), medals, diary (1933), scrapbooks, sermons, notebooks, etc. 5 boxes.

AUGUSTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY records, 1930-1945. Records and letters. 1 box.

DR. C. G. BENGSTON letters and papers, 1900-1925. Bengston was for many years the editor of *Lutheran Companion*. His "Papers" contain 8 notebooks covering the period 1900-1911 and letters from 1902-1925. 1 box.

DR. E. F. BARTHOLOMEW papers and notes, 1892-1944, is a collection of notes, addresses, early college bulletins, medals, textbooks, papers, notes, and some letters chiefly from the last years, i.e., 1941-44. Bartholomew was a veteran teacher at Augustana College who reached his 100th birthday. Though important as a teacher he played no larger role in the history of the church. 4 boxes.

DR. ERLAND CARLSSON papers, 1853-1878, which consist of papers, notes, and letters which were once found in the steel files (where they

belong). They have been used by many persons and several of the letters have been translated and published. In all the handling the letters did not find their proper place but landed in a carton box! Erland Carlsson was one of the founding fathers of the Augustana Synod. 1 box.

DR. A. R. CERVIN papers and books, 1834-1837, contain nine textbooks, a few notes, and letters from the period of A. R. Cervin's youth in Sweden. Cervin was a Ph.D. from Upsala University, a brother-in-law of T. N. Hasselquist, and for many years an associate of Hasselquist in his work. 1 box.

JAMES MURRAY EATON diary and account books, 1872-1926, consist of 15 account books over the periods of 1872-1877 and 1893-1926 and 3 diaries covering the 1880's. How this material found its way to Augustana is uncertain. It is not related to the history of the Swedish immigrant. 1 box.

PASTOR PETER ERICKSON's sermon notes. No dates given. 1 box.

DR. C. L. E. ESBJORN's papers, 1885-1936, which consist of letters, clippings, notes, etc. The letters cover the period 1886-1930. Esbjorn was a veteran language teacher at the college and the author of a couple of German readers for college students.

DR. E. A. FOGELSTROM letters and papers, 1865-1899, is a collection of sermons, daybooks, clippings, articles, notes, letters, and record books. Fogelstrom's name is intimately associated with the Eman-



uel Deaconess Institute of Omaha. The letters cover the period 1876-1901 but they are scattered. 4 boxes.

DR. NILS FORSANDER papers, notes and letters, 1880-1925, contain essays, sermons, notebooks, papers, book list of his library, and a few letters. Forsander taught for many years in the seminary.

DR. C. W. FOSS papers and correspondence, 1868-1927, contain letters and papers in chronological order from 1868-1927, folders of articles, notes, honors, etc. Foss taught history at the college from 1883 to 1932 and he was for many years president of the Augustana Foreign Missionary Society, records of which he preserved carefully. 3 boxes.

REV. PAUL GULLANDER letters and clippings, 1888-1912, consist of a scrapbook of clippings and a few letters over the period 1888-1912. 1 box.

HYMNAL manuscripts, 1925. The Hymnal of 1925 in manuscript form. 1 box.

HYMNAL manuscripts, 1899 - 1925. The Hymnal correspondence 1922-1924 and hymnals of 1899 and 1901. 1 box.

JOINT COMMISSION ON LITURGY reports, 1948. 1 box.

DR. L. A. JOHNSTON "sermon notes," 1880-1889. 1 box.

DR. C. E. LINDBERG papers, 1880-1927, contain articles, sermons, papers, notes, pictures, etc. Lindberg was for many years dean of the Seminary and these papers

contain his attendance books for 1911-1927. 2 boxes.

DR. GUSTAF NELSENIUS papers, 1882-1898, consist of papers and letters. 1 box.

DR. ERIK NORELIUS papers and manuscripts, 1855 - 1902, contain manuscripts, papers, and notes. 2 boxes.

ARTHUR SWAN clippings, letters, and papers consist of letters, plays, clippings, and a picture album for which it is difficult to give a date. They have been tied closely together. They have little or no value to the history of Swedish immigrants. They were presented to the college by G. N. Swan and should form a part of the G. N. Swan Papers.

G. N. SWAN letters, papers, and clippings, 1878-1937. G. N. Swan was a prominent layman with a love for books. He was also interested in writing on history and literature and saved every scratch of paper on which he made a note. His clippings, papers, letters, pictures, post cards, poems, essays, albums, etc., fill about 15 boxes. It was this G. N. Swan who gave his excellent library on Swedes in America and on the history of Sweden, which has been valued at \$25,000, to Augustana College.

DR. P. J. SWARD papers and notes, 1879-1886, consist of pictures, programs, papers, and notes. Unfortunately the letters of Sward are not found in the archives except as part of other collections. Sward served as president of the Augustana Synod from 1891 to

1899. 1 box. Sward collected an entire box of materials on C. J. L. Almqvist, famed novelist.

DR. JOHN TELLEEN collection, 1885-1922, consists of a large number of letters, sermons, reports, etc., written by Rev. John Telleen, who spent much of his time in Utah in efforts to reconvert Swedish Mormons to Lutheranism.

DR. J. A. UDDEN manuscripts and correspondence, 1908-1929. Udden was a famous geologist who taught at Augustana College before going to Texas University. 2 boxes.

JOHN O. VIKING letters, manuscripts, and clippings, 1910-1930. Contains excellent material on the Swedes in Northern Michigan. 6 boxes. Viking was a journalist and a poet.

In addition to these are to be found a number of other items of importance associated with jubilee years and special celebrations.

The material that has been described above is found in the "inner sanctum" of the archives where are also found on numerous shelves and packages all the more important records of Augustana College and Theological Seminary except a few which are in the vaults of the president of the college. These are the materials or the records to be found at any college which has been interested in preserving its own records. They are, therefore, not at all unusual, and consist of the minutes of the board of directors, faculty, special committees, literary and debating societies, financial records, records

of registration, class books or attendance records.

Augustana has not been too successful in collecting the records of secular organizations among the Swedish immigrants. Nor has it succeeded in becoming a depository for any other denominational group than the Augustana Lutheran Church. A few such records are to be found but they have often arrived in the archives as part of a larger collection as those of O. L. Linder and G. N. Swan, or the gift of some single individual who wished to see the records of a loved one preserved. The last kind of gift might consist of an autobiography of a more or less important Swedish immigrant. If an effort were made to list and describe this material, the reader would secure an entirely false impression of the nature of the archives.

Again it should be pointed out that though the unprinted primary sources dealing with the Swedish immigrant in America found at Augustana College are impressive, these records do not compare favorably with the printed primary sources, which at Augustana are also a part of the archives. These are the sources which were briefly described at the beginning of the article as consisting of printed minutes, proceedings, newspapers, journals, autobiographies, histories, jubilee publications, hundreds upon hundreds of jubilee publications of congregations, societies, clubs, etc., novels, books of poems, etc., all of which are related to the Swedish immigrant in America.

# Chicago Historical Society

MARGARET SCRIVEN

*Librarian*

THE MANUSCRIPT collection of the Chicago Historical Society, like its general library and museum, is comprised of material relating to the history of the United States. Emphasis is placed on Chicago, Illinois, and the Old Northwest Territory.

All the Presidents are represented, the larger lots of papers being those of Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Grant.

A scattering of early documents leads to a set of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence and some good pieces concerning the Revolutionary War. Among the personal papers of the period are those of Jacob Kingsbury, George Weedon, James Wilkinson, Henry C. Van Schaack, and John Fenno.

The French explorers of the mid-west and their activities in the Mississippi Valley are well covered, as are the Indians, particularly of the Chicago region; groups of papers relate to the American Fur Company and other fur-trading enterprises.

Respecting Louisiana and the Purchase there is a small but important lot. The story is carried on by the papers of such men as Henry Dearborn, John Calhoun, Henry Clay, and Elias Kent Kane; and by the records of the American Colonization Society, slave ledgers, and material concerning the Gold Rush; exemplify-

ing the abolitionists are papers of John Brown, Zebina Eastman, and Edward Coles.

The Civil War collection includes some five hundred letters, one hundred diaries (too many of which can be summarized as "rained today, marched ten miles"), log books, rosters, telegrams, etc., and papers of Gen. John Pope, John A. Rawlins (on Grant's staff), Col. James A. Mulligan (Irish Brigade), and others. Here must be mentioned the records of the Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, and those of the Naval Order of the United States.

The Society owns about fifty original Lincoln letters and documents, and a great many concerning the man and his period. A recent acquisition, papers relating to David Davis, is particularly important. Davis was an Illinois lawyer, a Judge of the circuit in which Lincoln traveled, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and a long-time legal and political friend of Lincoln. His papers (about ten lineal feet) contain copies of what is probably the last great collection of cognate Lincoln material still in private hands.

A group of papers relating to Melville W. Fuller, Illinois lawyer and Chief Justice of the United States, is about the size of the Davis collection.

The Illinois and Michigan Canal papers (6,500 pieces), and others dealing with railroads and lake transportation, exemplify the growth of the midwest. Of particular Illinois interest—though many of her men were of national importance—are the letters of Governors and other officials, Territorial and State; the Kaskaskia collection; the papers of Logan U. Reavis (editor and politician); Madison Y. Johnson (railroad executive and Peace Democrat); Joseph Gillespie (Judge and U. S. Representative and Senator); and Lorado Taft—to mention a few. A good body of papers bears on the English and Mormon settlements in the state; there is material concerning the establishment of railway mail service and the beginnings of the American Legion in Illinois. Diaries and letters of new settlers, to whom everything was fresh, describe modes of travel, towns passed through, and living conditions and social life.

As might be expected, many phases of the history of Chicago are represented in the Society's collections. First the French discoverers (who soon left the area) and the Indians, then the early permanent settlers, the factors, Fort Dearborn, the Massacre of 1812; later the influx of immigrants and speculators, the first Mayor, the establishment of a post

office in the new city, of a fire department and a police department; and intertwined with business and politics, the cultural and social activities of a fast-growing population.

The records of early newspapers, of real estate dealers, merchants, doctors and dentists, druggists as well as those of churches and schools, show the city well on its way. Clubs and societies multiply—literary, political, medical, astronomical, even a Physician's Golf Club in the early 1900's; all of these kept minutes. Theaters are opened, concert halls, a lyceum, and much later, the do-it-yourself Little Theater comes into being. Aviation gets a start, too (1910).

The darker side is evidenced by a complete transcript of the Haymarket Riot trials, together with other papers pertinent to them, and the records of reform leagues and social workers. The Society lacks, unfortunately, the autograph letters and account books of the Capone-type bad boy.

The manuscript collection, though not large (about three hundred lineal feet), contains, as do most collections, a variety of material that could be noted only in a detailed handbook. This the Society does not have, but a typed handbook, in which most of the collections are described, is available in the Manuscript Room.



# The Illinois Historical Survey

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THE PURPOSE of the Illinois Historical Survey, a research agency on the University of Illinois campus, is to promote the study of the west in American History. Unlike department and other special libraries, it is administered by the Graduate College, with the head of the history department serving as director. Close relations are maintained with the university library: book purchases are made through its acquisition department after library holdings are checked; books are then cataloged by the library staff and cards appear in the main library as well as the Survey catalog.

The Survey holdings include manuscripts (originals and reproductions), books, pamphlets, newspapers, broadsides, maps, and other illustrative materials. In addition there are special catalogs, indexes, calendars, collections of newspaper excerpts, notes, and other working tools for research, all produced in connection with research projects carried on by the Survey staff or as a result of the part played by the Survey in joint projects with other historical agencies. All holdings are housed in the original quarters assigned the Survey—a suite

of five rooms on the fourth floor of Lincoln Hall.

Because Illinois was successively a part of the French and British colonial empires, with Spain a neighboring rival until the 19th century, the manuscript materials of interest to the regional historian go back to the earliest years of discovery and exploration of the American continent. The Survey has an important collection of these documentary reproductions, the acquisition of which covered a long period; they cannot be described adequately without some account of the history of the Survey.

At the time Edmund Janes James was president of the university and also president of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library, the attention of the board was directed to the wealth of records of the French regime which were to be found in the archives of Randolph County (at Chester) and of St. Clair County (at East St. Louis). A member of the history department, Professor Clarence W. Alvord, was asked to investigate, and his enthusiastic reports led to the revision of the library's publication program. Mr. Alvord was named general editor, and the publication of original records pertaining to Illinois history was

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inaugurated. Salaries of the editorial staff and publication costs were paid by the library. Mr. Alvord as editor was paid by the library for half his time; the rest of his salary was paid by the university for his work as a member of the history department.

At first, except for the personal activities of various faculty members, the university had no connection with the work. In the fall of 1909, however, the university decided to supplement officially the editorial work of the Illinois State Historical Library by organizing the Illinois Historical Survey as a department of the Graduate School. Mr. Alvord was made director and Solon J. Buck, in January, 1910, became the first research associate. When Mr. Buck left in 1914 he was succeeded by Theodore C. Pease. In 1920 Mr. Pease succeeded Mr. Alvord as editor of the *Collections* and director of the Survey. Thus began, in 1909, the working union between the Illinois Historical Survey and the Illinois Historical Library, which continued until 1939.

The general working agreement, in building a collection of materials in western history for faculty and students, was that the university procured through the Survey the manuscripts and books needed for the preparation of the *Illinois Historical Collections*, while the Illinois Historical Library paid the editorial and publication costs. When this co-operative project came to an end in 1939, there had been published twenty-nine volumes of the *Collections*, a five-volume series on Illinois in the World War, and, in co-opera-

tion with the Illinois Centennial Commission, the six-volume *Centennial History of Illinois*. After 1939 the work of the Illinois Historical Survey continued independently.

For the publication of the volumes on the early history of Illinois, source materials were procured in the archives of Great Britain, France, and Spain. A history of the French and British regimes in Illinois and the conquest of the Illinois country under George Rogers Clark during the American Revolution all required a full-scale background of rival colonial interests from the 16th to the early 19th centuries. The Survey, with other historical agencies, did pioneer work in acquiring copies of documents in foreign archives. Earliest transcripts were secured in Ottawa and Washington from copies made for the Canadian Archives and the Library of Congress; later, copies selected from published calendars and on personal visits were made from the original documents. Finally, in 1932, the director began a systematic policy of procuring photostats or microfilm of all additional materials in England and France in any way relating to the western part of the country. Working in Paris and London in 1933 and 1937, he placed orders for documents. The orders had all been filled by the time World War II broke out, although the final shipment from Paris arrived only because it was sent in diplomatic pouch via the Library of Congress. Each document is cataloged and cards are filed both archivally and chronologically.

The Survey's collection of manuscripts from the Spanish Archives—

Madrid, Simancas, Seville, and Mexico City—includes about 101,000 pages of typewritten manuscripts made under the supervision of Charles E. Cunningham during the years 1918-1931. It covers all phases of Spanish administration in North America during the years 1600-1830. There is a chronological catalog.

Recent additions to the Survey's archival reproductions include papers from the Turin State Archives and the State Archives of Florence, and family papers of the Duke of Newcastle and Earl of Bute.

For the colonial period the Survey has also secured reproductions of important collections in the United States—notably the Amherst, Clinton, Gage, and Shelburne papers at the William L. Clements Library and the Vaudreuil manuscripts in the Henry E. Huntington Library—which give a microscopic view of Illinois about 1750.

Federal archives relating to western history have also entered the picture. The Survey was one of seven historical agencies which, before the organization of the National Archives, secured Newton D. Mereness to make a calendar of all the materials in Washington relating to the history of the Upper Mississippi Valley. This catalog of nearly 300,000 cards was compiled during the years 1913-1937. In many instances it gives sufficient information of the contents of a document to serve the researcher's purpose; in any case information on the extent and location of specific material is available. When the National Archives assumed care of the records here calendared, the

arrangement of the files remained unchanged, and the National Archives filmed the Survey's catalog for its own use. The Survey also has several thousand pages of photostats of records from the federal archives, notably the Office of Indian Affairs and the General Land Office; current purchases are made as the need arises.

Perhaps the most famous records relating to Illinois history are the official documents of the French and British regimes which are part of the archives of Randolph and St. Clair counties. While *The Kaskaskia Records* and *The Cahokia Records* were being prepared for publication as volumes of the *Illinois Historical Collections*, many of the original papers were on loan to the Survey, but all were eventually returned to the county authorities. During the time the manuscripts were in the Survey various transcripts, calendars, abstracts, and a biographical index were made and are still of considerable use. In recent years part of the original St. Clair County records (Perrin Collection) was turned over to the Archives Division of the Illinois State Library, and the Survey acquired a microfilm copy of these papers together with a copy of the Archives' catalog, calendar, and index of the collection. The Randolph County records were filmed by the Archives Division in 1952-1953 and the Survey has duplicates of the films, consisting of forty-seven reels. Thus the state's earliest archives are now safe in several depositories and available in their entirety to students.

Supplementing the official archives

of Randolph and St. Clair counties are the William Morrison Papers, recently acquired by the Survey. These cover the business operations of a Kaskaskia merchant throughout the American bottomlands from 1790 to 1837. The Survey also has journals and daybooks of Pierre Menard; in the past year similar holdings in the Illinois Historical Library and in the Chicago Historical Society have been identified and microfilmed to complete the collection in Urbana.

The original manuscript holdings in the Survey include other important collections concerning the colonial period and the years of Illinois territorial status and early statehood. Among them are the papers of George Morgan, junior partner in the Philadelphia firm of Baynton, Wharton, and Morgan. George Morgan, a man interested in scholarship and scientific farming, came to Illinois in 1766. He set up a storehouse at Fort Chartres for trading in furs and supplying provisions to the British troops and the French inhabitants. Long letters to his wife, written in installments, give a vivid description of conditions in Illinois. Recently the Survey acquired additional Morgan letters written in Illinois, one proving to be the conclusion of a fragmentary letter already published (*Trade and Politics, Illinois Historical Collections*, Vol. 16).

The Ohio Manuscripts include some ten thousand items relating to the locations of military bounty lands awarded to Virginia soldiers of the Continental Army. The papers of Gen. William W. Orme of Bloomington are outstanding for the Civil

War period. There are also the papers of Thomas J. Morgan, a Chicago labor leader (1847-1912) and a file of his publication, *The Provoker*. All periods of the state's history are represented by collections of letters, papers, diaries, and other manuscripts. There are also collections of transcripts and photostats of papers in private hands or in other historical collections; in some cases the originals have been destroyed or are now inaccessible.

Professor Arthur E. Bestor's research in the area of materials on communitarian activities in the United States has added a large body of papers to the Survey. The records of the New Harmony Community of Robert Dale Owen, in the Working Men's Institute at New Harmony, were arranged and cataloged by Mr. Bestor in 1950; a microfilm copy of the whole collection was made for the Survey, and a descriptive catalog by Mr. Bestor was issued as Illinois Historical Survey *Publication No. 2*. The Survey also has microfilm of the Robert Owen Papers in the Co-operative Union, Ltd., of Manchester, England, and in the British Museum, as well as papers on the Owenite movement from various American collections.

On the subject of the movement of Fourierist socialism in the United States in the 1840's and later, the Survey has the papers of Arthur Brisbane and family. Papers on communitarian colonies and co-operative agencies, 1918-1942, are to be found in the Robert Carleton Brown (Bob Brown) Collection. In addition, the Survey has microfilm reproduc-



tions from numerous collections of papers of many persons concerned with such movements, as well as communitarian periodicals published in the United States and Europe.

Local history materials form an important part of the Survey collections. County histories, atlases, plat books, histories of communities, churches, and other local establishments are available. New accessions are being made whenever possible. There are also manuscript materials, notably the Williams-Woodbury Collection for Vermilion County. Amos Williams (1797-1857), a native of Pennsylvania, settled first in Paris, Edgar County, but moved on to participate in the early organization of Vermilion County in 1826. He was the first postmaster appointed in Vermilion County and held numerous local and county elective offices; his business interests included farms, ferries, sawmills and grist mills, saline works, land sales, and other activities. The collection of several thousand items thus covers a wide range of subjects, the whole illustrating the details of business and politics of an Illinois town and county more than a century ago.

The books in the Survey library number many rare and out-of-print items in western history, especially in the fields of exploration and discovery, colonial administration, travel, biography, bibliography, and regional histories for the states of the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. For the State of Illinois there are the general and special histories of the counties and communities of the state. Every effort is made to pur-

chase any available material on regional and local history of the area. Books in the Illinois Historical Survey do not circulate, being for the most part irreplaceable.

The Survey's newspaper collection, which in general extends only through the Civil War, includes the available Illinois newspapers to 1830—original copies or photostats. There are early newspapers of Ohio and Indiana, and newspapers from the eastern colonies and states for the colonial, revolutionary, and early federal period. Some of the individual copies and files in the Survey are the only ones known to be in existence. On microfilm the Survey has a large number of publications of communitarian societies issued in France, Belgium, England, Vermont, New York, Ohio, and Indiana.

The Survey collection of printed maps includes examples of the work of famous cartographers of the 16th to the 18th centuries; most numerous are early maps of North America and the Northwest Territory and its component parts, especially the Illinois country. For the later period there are many Illinois county maps, also numerous tourists' and travelers' folding maps published during the westward migration for the use of settlers. In addition to the prints, the Survey has photostatic copies of the maps of North America to be found in the French Archives. The Survey also has atlases dating from the late 17th century to the 20th century, with a large number of Illinois county atlases or plat books.

The resources of the Illinois His-

torical Survey, although intended primarily for university faculty and graduate and advanced undergraduate students of the university, actually are available to all serious workers. The holdings of the Survey were described in the *University of Illinois Bulletin* for September 2, 1922, and also in *Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections in Illinois*, prepared by the Historical Records Survey in 1940. To meet

the need for a more up-to-date and detailed description of its resources, the Survey staff in 1949 began work on a descriptive guide which appeared in six parts during 1950-1956, in a series known as the *Illinois Historical Survey Publications*. Copies distributed over the campus and sent to research libraries throughout the country have been of material help in making the Survey collections better known and more widely useful.

# Records Holdings of Illinois State Archives

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THE ILLINOIS State Archives as a division of the office of Secretary of State is an integral unit in State administration. The Archives is not primarily a historical or genealogical institution, but rather it collects and preserves State and local government records that are not in current use and have permanent value.

The Archives Building houses records of a permanent nature in departmental vaults which, for the present, remain in the custody of their administrative unit. A State Records Center was established in 1956 to care for semicurrent records, subject to destruction according to time schedules determined by the State Records Commission. Such facilities permit State departments to handle records needed only for current business.

State governmental agencies often consult their noncurrent files in the State Archives, generally for legal and administrative purposes. For

example, the Corporation Division of the Secretary of State makes frequent use of its corporation reports and dissolved charters; the Department of Registration and Education has many occasions to refer to its files and applications for all types of professional licenses.

To say that the State Archives is not a historical or genealogical institution may be unduly modest. The legal and administrative records being collected may serve as legal evidence and enhance the social and economic heritage of Illinois. The general public has found the holdings of the State Archives a valuable aid in solving legal and personal problems. Records most frequently used are those relating to censuses, land ownership, military service, and military bonus. Also, since 1809 many series have developed that are of interest to historical scholars. Therefore, one of the purposes of this article is to provide information on representative groups of available records.

## I. SECRETARY OF STATE

### INDEX DIVISION

The Secretary of State (who is by statute also State Librarian and

State Archivist) is the State's official record keeper. As such, he has custody of the Constitutions of 1818,

1848, and 1870; the Amendments; and the documentation of the Constitutional Conventions of 1818, 1847, 1862, 1870, and 1920-1922.

The Index Division transferred to the Archives the Enrolled Laws 1812-1957, Election Records 1818-1957, Deeds to State-owned Property, Contracts and Leases 1817-1955, Official Bonds of State and County Officers 1809-1956, and Letter Books 1893-1914.

A consolidated name index containing more than one million citations appearing in Illinois State records prior to 1850 is available in the Archives catalog. Most of these references are taken from census records. The Archives is the repository for the Territorial and Supplemental censuses of 1818, also State censuses of 1820, 1825 (Randolph County on microfilm), 1835 (Fayette, Fulton, Jasper, Morgan counties), 1840 (partial), 1845 (Cass, Kendall, Macoupin, Morgan, Tazewell counties), 1855 and 1865 (partial). Population schedules for the Federal censuses (on microfilm from originals in the National Archives) cover 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, and 1880. The State Archives also has the original schedules, transferred from the National Archives, for data relative to agriculture, industry, social statistics, and mortality in Illinois for 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880.

The 1850 Federal census is the first which lists individual members of families, with age, occupation, and the county and state in which they were born. The birthplace of parents appears for the first time in the Federal census. Only the names of

heads of families with the number in each group were given in State and Federal censuses prior to 1850.

#### EXECUTIVE DIVISION

Records of the Governor which come to the Executive Division for official filing are later transferred to the Archives. Among these are Executive Register 1818-1939, Executive Record 1809-1873, Proclamations 1869-1951, Notary Public Petitions 1833-1935, Notary Public Bonds 1810-1950, Certificates of Qualification 1819-1937, Register of County Officers 1809-1874, Register of Commissions Issued 1809-1943, Registers of Trade Marks and Dairy Labels 1891-1954, and Executive Files 1790-1949.

Other groups of records concern Governors' Accounts 1853-1856, 1877-1887; Internal Improvements (e.g., road, canal, and railroad records) mostly prior to 1850; and State Banks 1819-1851. There are criminal records which include Commutations of Sentences 1866-1925, those relating to Penitentiaries 1830-1860, Convict Registers 1867-1885, Extraditions 1809-1946, Pardons 1836-1931, and Restorations to Citizenship 1864-1931.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION

Prior to the Constitution of 1870, corporations were chartered by the Illinois General Assembly. In 1872 a general act authorized the Secretary of State to issue charters for domestic corporations and permits for foreign corporations. The Archives has Corporation Charters (Dissolved) 1849-1917, Business Corporation Reports

1896-1954, Not-for-Profit Corporation Reports 1936-1955, Letter Books 1899-1913, and Correspondence 1867-1943.

#### SECURITIES DIVISION

The securities law requires that dealers in stocks, bonds, and other securities must file evidence of qualification. Preserved in the Archives is a series of closed cases of securities

dealers, 1919-1947. There are also statements of Trust Financing beginning in 1935 and a Brokers Memo File 1925-1936.

#### OTHER RECORDS

Other records include Correspondence of Secretary of State 1861-1942, Letter Books of the Anti-Trust Division 1893-1903, and Letter Books of the Automobile Division, 1907-1912.

## II. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The most valuable single series of historical records in the Illinois State Archives is that of the General Assembly. The legislative records, 1809-1957, include journals and minutes of proceedings, bills, resolutions, and committee reports, all of which are required by law to be deposited in the Archives. Of historical interest are the legislative records of Abraham Lincoln's service

as a member of the House of Representatives from 1834 to 1841.

General Assembly miscellaneous documents, 1812-1955, have been analyzed. Reports on various state government problems compiled by the Illinois Legislative Council are on file, as well as certain records of the Commission to Study State Government (Schaefer Commission, 1950-1951).

## III. GOVERNOR AND CODE DEPARTMENTS

A number of important records of the Governor's office have been indicated under the Executive Division of the Secretary of State as being in the Archives. In addition to those previously listed, although not complete, are Governors' Correspondence (Incoming) 1809 - 1904, Governors' Official Papers 1917 - 1952, Letter Books 1811-1900, Record of Appointments 1877-1901, and Nominations to Senate 1877-1887.

In 1917 the General Assembly passed the Civil Administrative Code, providing for the reorganization and consolidation of the state government. Code departments were established and a nucleus of their records has come to the State Archives.

#### DEPARTMENT OF AERONAUTICS

Recent transferrals to the Archives from the Department of Aeronautics are Engineering Studies and Reports



1944 - 1955, and Correspondence (Abandoned Flight Schools, Airports, Restricted Landing Areas) 1941-1955.

#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Among recent accessions are Illinois Agricultural Statistics collected jointly by the State and United States departments of agriculture, 1937-1954.

#### DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Records from the Department of Insurance include Ledgers 1859-1932, Cash and Charge Record 1871-1932, Records of Agents 1868-1897, Registers and Valuation of Policies 1899-1919, and Annual Financial Statements of all insurance companies doing business in the State of Illinois (domestic and foreign), 1867-1936.

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has in the Archives the Registers of Mine Managers 1891-1909, of Fire Bosses 1891-1926, and of Hoisting Engineers 1891-1926; also records of the Illinois State Board of Examiners regarding competency of mine inspectors, mine managers, hoisting engineers, and fire bosses, 1897-1906.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The minutes of meetings held 1884-1917 by this department's predecessor agency, the State Board of Health, are in the Archives.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS

Division of Highways: Interest in hard roads by the State of Illinois

was intensified after 1900, and the Division of Highways had the responsibility of developing the state-wide program of road building in the 1920's. The records of this division include Traffic Maps for 1947 and 1950, General Highway Maps 1950-1952, Superintendents' Correspondence 1905-1930, Bridge Correspondence, and Shop Plans 1922-1942. Many of the archival-type records have not yet been received from this Division.

Division of Waterways: Early in Illinois' statehood a transportation problem was solved by the building of a canal from Lake Michigan to the Illinois River. The Illinois and Michigan Canal came under the jurisdiction of the Waterways Division, and its records form one of the most valuable and interesting holdings in the Archives. They include Accounting Records (journals, ledgers, time and cash books, etc.) 1837-1941, Proceedings and Reports (of various governing boards) 1829 - 1917, Correspondence 1836-1914, Field Notes, Maps and Plats 1823 —, Construction 1836 - 1930, Operation 1848-1933, and Land Sales 1830-1927. It is noteworthy that the original towns of Chicago, Lockport, Ottawa, and Peru were laid out by the Canal Commissioners. Also of significance are the recent surveys of the canal area and the various records on submerged and shore lands and the riparian rights to the lands. During the period of operation the clearance records give the name, master, owner, and home port of every boat on the canal, with data on all freight and passengers transported.

In establishing the right of way for the superhighways into Chicago, it was necessary to depend upon the "work sheets" (field notes) preserved in this collection of records.

#### DEPARTMENT OF REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION

Most of the records from the Department of Registration are restricted. They include applications for licenses from doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists, architects, engineers, land surveyors, barbers, public accountants, plumbers, and others. In addition to applications, there are also registers and renewals, grade sheets, and some minutes of board meetings, all dating from the late nineteenth century.

#### MILITARY AND NAVAL DEPARTMENT

Practically all archival records of the Adjutant General, except the Militia and most of the National Guard Records, are in the State Archives. This office assumed greater importance when the military census was taken just prior to and during the Civil War when volunteer units were organized and descriptive rolls executed. In the Illinois Archives are transcripts from the United States War Department of muster rolls covering service of Illinois soldiers in the Black Hawk and Mexican wars. There are also muster-in and muster-out rolls from the Civil and Spanish-American wars. In addition to miscellaneous administration records 1861-1862, the Archives has recently received the original Commission Registers 1809-1930, Special Order Books 1862-1907, and miscellaneous

records of National Guard Regiments 1877-1880, 1903-1910.

Civil War service certifications are made from data tabulated in eighty-nine large ledger volumes, which include physical descriptions, age, birthplace, occupation, marital status, residence, rank, enrollment, period, and pay. The records of the Service Recognition Board for World War I and World War II bonuses are by law restricted as confidential, as are also those of the State Council of Defense (later, War Council). There is frequent reference service on these records.

#### CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The functions of the Civil Service Commission were largely assumed by the new Department of Personnel on July 1, 1957. The archival records of the Commission include a series of questionnaires, organization charts, and data compiled in connection with setting up position classifications and salary standardization schedules, 1942-1951; also Correspondence with State departments 1912-1952, Minutes of Board Meetings 1906-1914, and Investigations and Hearings 1908-1917.

#### ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

The archival records of this agency, successor to the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, include Correspondence 1877-1911, Minute Books 1871-1902, Complaint Books 1877-1910, Orders 1889-1929. Recent significant acquisitions are the Annual Reports of Public Utilities 1872-1937 and Docket Files 1885-1926. Here social and economic historians may

find revealing data on the development and decline of electric street railways and steam railroads, and records of such other public utilities as telephone and power companies.

#### LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

The Liquor Control Commission has transferred to the Archives the applications for liquor licenses from the Chicago office for the years 1934-1953, from the downstate offices 1934-1953, as well as Correspondence 1934-1935.

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

Among the records of the State Tax Commission (successor to the State Board of Equalization in 1919, later becoming a part of the Department of Finance, and still later in 1943 becoming part of the Department of Revenue) on file in the State Archives are the annual returns of railroads giving valuation of right of way, track and rolling stock 1912-1933, statement of railroad property and improvements 1906-1933, and capital stock returns (by counties, 293 volumes) 1920-1940.

### IV. AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Among the most important records of the State, both from a legal and historical point of view, are the land records. Requests come from lawyers, abstractors, surveyors, and school administrators on matters pertaining to title, boundaries, and other rights to lands. They are of two main categories: first, the official survey field notes (492 bound volumes) and township plats (52 bound volumes), and records of land sales made through the district land offices; and second, the records of land granted directly to the State by the federal government such as school, seminary, saline, swamp, internal improvement, Illinois Central Railroad, and Illinois and Michigan Canal lands. United States Land Offices were established at Kaskaskia (1804), Shawneetown (1812), Edwardsville (1816), Vandalia and Palestine (1820), Springfield (1822), Danville and Quincy (1831),

Chicago (1834), and Galena (1834; moved to Dixon, 1840). The records of these offices are more numerous for the pre-Civil War period. However, the land collection includes statements of eighteenth century grants as well as correspondence and records of the twentieth century. Among the more than three thousand bound volumes and sixty file drawers of unbound records are tract books (56 volumes), correspondence of the Register, Receiver, Surveyor General and Commissioners of the General Land Office, Auditor of Public Accounts, and account books consisting of journals, letters, sales books, and various other records.

Other Auditor's records in the State Archives are Tax Sales 1825-1922; Day Books 1829 - 1849; Canceled Warrants 1845-1916; Warrant Registers and Journals 1813-1934; Receipt



Books 1829 - 1913; Appropriation Ledgers 1924-1927; Reports of Examination and Audit of Accounts, Chicago Sanitary District 1933-1941 (23 volumes); Records of State Banks (55 volumes); Building and Loan

Associations (48 volumes); and construction records (38 volumes) concerning the building of the Statehouse (contracts and specifications, minutes of the Board of State House Commissioners).

## V. STATE TREASURER

The records of the State Treasurer in the Archives go back to the records of receipts and expenditures of the Territorial Treasurer, 1813 - 1821.

There are also Cash Books 1821-1915, Receipts 1827-1916, Correspondence (Incoming) 1872-1900, and Remittance Letters to Banks 1862-1918.

## VI. COUNTY RECORDS

The period of Illinois history from the time of the first French settlements to the organization of Illinois as a territory is of historic importance. Generally speaking, these records are the responsibility of the counties of St. Clair and Randolph; however, the State Archives maintains an interest in all county records.

St. Clair County has original records in the State Archives in the J. Nick Perrin Collection. Among these are Notarial Register 1737-1768, Court of Common Pleas, Docket Books and Proceedings 1779-1814, Circuit Court 1818-1844, Board of County Commissioners Proceedings 1817-1902, and Marriage Records 1807-1845.

Randolph County has permitted the State Archives to microfilm records prior to 1850. These security copies consist of 49 reels of film covering the period 1718 - 1750,

mainly commercial papers; French Royal Notaries 1718-1797; Private and Public Papers 1720-1816; Court Records 1801-1849; County Clerk's Records 1801-1849; Marriage Records 1809-1850; Probate Records 1809-1849.

County records are the most valuable source materials for early Illinois history. The inventories made by the Works Progress Administration (Historical Records Survey) in Illinois are useful guides. All material collected and worksheets used are available for those guides which were not published before the project terminated. Historical information abounds in the transcripts of the proceedings and minutes of the Boards of each county.

Most of the county records now in the State Archives were collected by the Illinois State Historical Library prior to the creation of the Archives as a part of the Illinois

State Library and were subsequently deposited in the State Archives. Several counties have made deposits of security copies of microfilm of their important records and these remain the property of the county.

Among the many individual documents of historical significance in the Illinois State Archives are charters of towns, cities, railroads, schools, and other corporations established by special acts.

## CONCLUSION

The growth of state governmental organization is a fertile field for research studies. A beneficial starting place is the history of Illinois state government compiled by Miss Margaret C. Norton before her retirement as Archivist. Compiled for reference use in the office, it includes an annotated summarized analysis of the development of the various functions of each state department, board, and commission created by law.

Graduate students and others doing research in government as well as those in history and other social sciences could well use archival materials in preparing their dissertations. Writers of all kinds have yet to exploit to any extent the wealth of information in the Illinois State Archives. Basic data is to be found on various programs in such fields as public health, conservation of natural resources, road building, child welfare, public welfare, and public safety; also available are the history of state and county revenue, of land, water, and air transportation in Illinois, of communication, of mining (salt, coal, oil), and of lands donated to the State by the federal government (canal, internal improvement, railroad, swamp, saline, commons).

Revealing information may be

found in the history of minority groups in Illinois (Indians, Negroes, various foreign groups). Here, too, one may study the population movements within the State. Since only a portion of the early Cahokia and St. Clair County records in the Perrin Collection has been published there is more in the records to be told about the French in Illinois.

Illinois official election returns on the national and state level for 1818-1848 have been published, and the editing of those for 1849-1870 has been considered for publication. Statistics for county and local elections 1818-1848 have been compiled but not edited. Archival records have been used in special studies of such elections as those of 1858, 1860, and 1864.

The Archives Building (153 feet long and 67 feet high, with a capacity of 140,000 cubic feet of records) was formally dedicated in January 1938. The State of Illinois had the third such building in the United States, the two others being the National Archives in Washington and the Hall of Records in Annapolis, Maryland.

We believe the Secretary of State is liberal in his reference service policy. Effort is made to comply

with all reasonable requests, both by mail and in person. More than 17,000 services were rendered by the Illinois State Archives during the past bi-ennium. Provision is made for photo-duplication at cost and certifications for a small statutory fee. The reference room is open to the public on weekdays during regular office hours and Saturdays until noon.

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# Manuscripts in The Illinois State Historical Library

CLYDE C. WALTON  
*State Historian*

As I would not be a *slave*, so I would not be a *master*—This expresses my idea of a democracy—Whatever differs from this, to the extent of the difference, is no democracy—  
A. LINCOLN

THIS DEFINITION of democracy, written by Lincoln about August 1, 1858, is among the more than one million manuscripts in the Illinois State Historical Library. The Library, a department of the executive branch of the government of the State of Illinois, is located in the Centennial Building in Springfield, Illinois. For some seventy years, the Library has been collecting manuscripts, books, pamphlets, newspapers, and other source materials which—in the broadest sense—reflect the history and achievements of the citizens of Illinois.

Such a short article as this can only serve as a very rough guide to the manuscript collections in the Library. Only one individual piece (single MS not part of a collection) is listed; it will be well to remember that the Library has manuscripts from the Colonial and Revolutionary War periods and letters from every President, that many of the smaller collections are not included here, and

that only a few of the approximately sixty Civil War diaries in the Library are mentioned. Only the briefest of descriptions is used; the list, however, is balanced between the small collections of perhaps 20 items and the collections which aggregate 7,500-10,000 or more pieces.

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1902. Some 150 letters to Altgeld's biographer W. R. Browne, mainly from Altgeld's friends; pamphlets; and clippings; and Browne's notes for his book.
- AUGUR, C. C., collection, 1863-1887. 200 items. Letters to General Augur from Generals Sherman and Grant, Admiral David D. Porter, and other military figures, including E. M. Stanton, N. P. Banks, Joseph E. Johnston, and Philip H. Sheridan. Includes some 35 letters from General Sherman to other military leaders.
- BAGBY papers, 1849-1886. 161 letters. Personal correspondence of John Courts Bagby, county and circuit judge, and congressman from Rushville, Illinois. California gold rush, Schuyler County and state political campaigns, 1856-1884. Some letters deal with railroads and with Bagby's legal practice.
- BAILHACHE-BRAYMAN papers, 1796-1916. 1,550 items. Papers of the Bailhache-Brayman families, significant in any study of the middle of the 19th century. Concerns Illinois politics, railroads, the legislature, Civil War, slavery, labor problems, social life, *Springfield Journal*, 1855-1872.
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- BATEMAN, NEWTON, papers, 1831-1899. 1,900 items. Letters to Newton Bateman as Superintendent of Public Instruction of Illinois and some to his father and sisters and the executors of his estate.
- BLACK, JOHN CHARLES, 1830-1913. About 10,000 pieces. Includes family correspondence, Civil War letters, G. A. R. correspondence, other items bearing on Black's long political career. Champ Clark, Grenville M. Dodge, Adlai E. Stevenson, and Theodore Roosevelt appear in this rich collection.
- BLACK collection, 1880-1942. About 22,300 items. Papers, speeches, addresses, and correspondence of Dr. Carl E. Black, of Jacksonville, Illinois. Concerns medical society affairs, Illinois physicians, legislative activities, Red Cross affairs, Jacksonville Centennial and Morgan County history. Most valuable for medical legislation and organization material, particularly for formation of Illinois State Medical Society.
- BLACK & WILLIAMS manuscript collection, 1828-1905. Some 7,500 pieces. Business correspondence relating to a general store and banking house, several Springfield railways, and a utility company, as well as the Springfield public library, the early years of the Historical Library, and the Scully landholdings in Logan County.

**BLACK HAWK WAR** collection, 1832. About 300 items. Assembled by Robert Anderson, the collection includes the letter books and order books of General Henry Atkinson and Governor John Reynolds, letters, orders, treaties, and other documents of the 1832 Indian outbreak.

**BREESE, SIDNEY**, collection, 1731-1896. About 1,000 letters. Letters, pamphlets, and broadsides concerning W. H. Bissell, J. D. Caton, S. A. Douglas, J. L. D. Morrison, J. A. Shields, Richard M. Young, and others. Breese's correspondence is almost entirely concerned with politics and legal matters.

**BRUSH** collection, 1863-1865. About 275 letters. Letters and diary of Charles H. Brush for the Civil War years, including letters from his family in Ottawa. Diary now being edited for publication by the Southern Illinois University Press.

**BRYANT & MORRISON** day books, Kaskaskia. Day books of an important mercantile operation, 1805-1818, and three ledgers covering these and later years.

**BUCKMASTER-CURRAN** papers, 1801-1918. 1,500 items. Diaries, letters, legal papers, account books concerning the War of 1812, Madison County, the legislature, the Black Hawk War, and general Illinois history.

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editor, *Three Years with Grant*, New York, Alfred A. Knopf, 1955.

**CANNON, JOSEPH G.**, collection, 1879-1925. Some 5,000 pieces. Letters, papers, and scrapbooks covering Cannon's public career, the bulk in 1908-1910. Includes material on patronage, powers of the Speaker of the House, railway legislation, and Theodore Roosevelt.

**COWAN, AUGUSTUS**, papers, 1855-1869. 800 items. Civil War period material, particularly strong concerning the 35th New York Infantry and affairs in Watertown, New York, during that war. Includes many Jesse W. and Kersey H. Fell letters.

**CULLOM, SHELBY M.**, papers, 1881-1914. About 1,000 items. Most of the letters concern Cullom's political career, including his unsuccessful attempt to secure the Republican nomination for President in 1892.

**DAVIS, DAVID**, collection. Approximately 1,600 items. Principally transcripts and photostats of letters to and from Davis, 1832-1887. Collection also contains a few original legal documents as well as notes and correspondence compiled by the late Harry E. Pratt for his biography of Davis.

**DENEEN, CHARLES S.**, collection, 1779-1932. 1,500 items and 24 scrapbooks. Strong in biographical material on Deneen and in documents dealing with the Methodist Episcopal Church in southern Illinois, St. Clair County, and Lebanon, Illinois.

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DOUGLAS, STEPHEN A., letters and papers, 1837-1860. 35 items. Politics and legal affairs.

DUBOIS, JESSE K., papers, 1841-1901. 100 pieces. Business papers, with a few political letters, of an important Illinois political figure.

ENOS, PASCAL P., collection, 1799-1868. 500 items. Principally between 1815-1832, the collection is most valuable for Enos's own copies of his letters, which reflect conditions in Illinois.

FIFER, JOSEPH WILSON, papers, 1868-1940. 500 letters, 5 scrapbooks. Most significant for the Illinois political campaigns of 1888 and 1892 and the Fifer boom for Governor in 1903.

FRENCH, AUGUSTUS C., papers, 1841-1853. About 1,000 letters. Addressed to French, the letters relate to the finances of the State of Illinois, the campaign of 1848, the Illinois and Michigan Canal, the Illinois Central Railroad, and the Bishop Hill Colony.

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U. S. GRANT-E. B. WASHBURNE papers, 1861-1880. 70 letters. Letters from Grant to Elihu B. Washburne, one of his staunchest sup-

porters and defenders. They cover Grant's Civil War campaigns, his Presidential career (he appointed Washburne Secretary of State and Minister to France), and close with ten letters written during his famous world tour. (Many Grant letters are located in other collections in the Library.)

GRIERSON, BENJAMIN H., papers, 1854-1891. About 2,000 letters. 1,068 of the letters are from General Grierson to his wife, 250 being of Civil War date. About 700 are from the Southwest where he served at Forts Sill and Concho, Whipple Barracks, and Fort Huachuca. These letters concern campaigns against Kiowas, Comanches, Cheyennes, Apaches, and other tribes. Remaining letters are from Mrs. Grierson and various army officers.

HATCH, OZIAS M., papers, 1840-1875. About 450 letters. Many letters are from the period 1857-1860 and deal with his affairs as Secretary of State, with the Lincoln-Douglas debates, and the election of 1860. Considerable significant material bearing on Illinois politics and Abraham Lincoln.

HAY, JOHN, collection, 1856-1905. 700 items. Essays written at Brown University; letters written to Hay concerning Cleveland real estate; and manuscripts used in preparation of the privately printed *Letters and Diaries of John Hay* (Washington, 1908), including many items not in the book. Most of these last MSS are in the hand of Henry Adams.

HENRY, ANSON G., papers, 1861-1865. 23 letters. Six letters to Lincoln,



the remainder to his wife; a journal of a trip to Oregon in 1852, and Henry's records of his Springfield medical practice in 1857.

HITT, DANIEL FLETCHER, papers, 1831-1877. 760 items. Much relates to surveying and land entry, principally 1831-1851, but some refers to his Civil War years. There are many documents on the Dixon land office and the towns of the upper Illinois River Valley.

ILLINOIS and MICHIGAN CANAL. Commissioners, 1836-1863. 200 items. Incoming correspondence at canal office, Lockport, Illinois. Business and legal papers, 1836-1845.

INGERSOLL, ROBERT G., papers, 1849-1901. 17,700 items. Includes family letters to John Ingersoll and other members of the family; over 4,000 letters to Robert; almost 9,000 letters from Robert's letter books; business and legal letters and documents; manuscripts of 74 of his lectures; and clippings and photographs.

KNAPP & POGUE collection, 1831-1834. 74 letters. Business records of an early meat packer and forwarding merchant of Beardstown, Illinois.

LANPHIER, CHARLES H., papers, 1838-1886. About 400 letters. The incoming correspondence of the editor of the Springfield Democratic newspaper, the *Illinois State Register*, notable for Douglas and McClernand letters; letters deal with a wide variety of local and national issues.

McCLERNAND, JOHN A., manuscript collection, 1823-1896. More than

10,000 letters. The great bulk of this collection covers the period 1861-1864. Obviously strong in McClernand Civil War experiences, it also includes more than 200 Grant letters, as well as letters from almost every prominent military and political leader in the North.

MASTERS, EDGAR LEE, letters and papers, 1924-1927. 63 letters, 19 poems, 20 miscellaneous pieces. All written to Edwin R. Reese, a boyhood friend, many of the letters are of an extremely personal nature; some of them, however, pertain to his literary work, his marital affairs, and the literary scene.

MENARD, PIERRE, papers, 1785-1894. 63 account books and 20 bound volumes of letters and documents. The account books, which are in French, concern Menard's business affairs at Kaskaskia, prior to 1842, and are significant to the early history of Illinois. The first three bound volumes (Tardiveau MSS) contain several hundred letters and documents, 1790-1810, relating to the activities of Tardiveau. The remaining 17 volumes cover the years 1785-1842 and are Menard's papers, including many of his own letters; his operations as merchant, fur trader, and Indian agent are reflected in the letters. Correspondents included John Edgar, Pierre Chouteau, Francois Vigo, Manuel Lisa, and William Henry Harrison. The collection also includes material on George Rogers Clark's occupation of the Illinois country.

MORRISON, WILLIAM RALLS, papers, 1858-1909. 250 items. Collection

contains gold rush, Civil War, national and state Deomcratic political material, as well as items concerned with Morrison's congressional career.

**NICOLAY & HAY** collection, 1862-1890. 5,800 pieces. Manuscript, annotated proof, and notes used in preparation of *Abraham Lincoln, A History* (New York, 1890), 10 volumes. The collection also includes many original letters of Civil War military and political figures; correspondence with the editors of *Century Magazine*, 1886-1890; file of copies of Lincoln letters, 1862-1865.

**OGLESBY, RICHARD J.**, papers, 1861-1878. 19 letters. Written by Oglesby to various correspondents, the letters deal with political matters such as appointments and U. S. Senate races.

**ORME, WILLIAM WARD**, papers, 1853-1875. 350 pieces. Letters reflect domestic life in Illinois prior to the Civil War; Constitutional Convention of 1862; Orme's Civil War career; little of political significance in the collection.

**PALMER, JOHN M.**, collection, 1839-1903. 1,500 items. Most of the collection is from the Civil War period and deals with Palmer's military career, family affairs, business, and politics.

**PARSONS, LEWIS BALDWIN**, papers, 1838-1897. About 10,000 items. Parsons was chief of Railroad and River Transportation for the Mississippi River, 1861 - 1864, later holding the same position for the entire country. The collection is

replete with transportation material for this period, perhaps the largest such archive of its kind. There is considerable Parsons family genealogical material and correspondence, as well as material on Lewis Parsons' business and political career.

**RICKS** collection, 1700-1900. About 1,000 items. A general collection of letters and documents, ranging from those of Horatio Alger, Jr., to Richard Yates, but mainly from prominent Illinoisans. Many of the letters are of importance. Writers include John Brown, Henry Clay, S. A. Douglas, Benjamin Franklin, U. S. Grant, Civil War figures, Theodore Parker, and others.

**ROWLEY, WILLIAM R.**, papers, 1863-1885. 72 letters. Mostly letters received, much of the material concerns officers on General Grant's staff; most valuable are the letters bearing on the Battle of Shiloh.

**SAMPLE, ALFRED**, papers, 1846-1902. About 200 letters. The bulk of the correspondence relates to the business of the 11th Circuit and to Republican politics, particularly in relation to Joseph Fifer.

**SCHILLING, GEORGE A.**, collection, 1878-1937. 1,000 items and 10 bound volumes. Concerned with labor history and particularly with John P. Altgeld, including Barnard's notes for *Eagle Forgotten*. Haymarket affair; Knights of Labor; labor reform, including 6 letters from Eugene V. Debs.

**SMITH, JOHN W.**, papers, 1852-1859. 13 items. Correspondence with

- his brother concerning trade on the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, and Yazoo rivers. Letters written from various points along the rivers.
- SNYDER, JOHN FRANCIS, collection, 1797-1916. 10,000 pieces. With 17 scrapbooks of Illinois history and biography, the collection also consists of material about his school days at McKendree College; trip to California in 1850; Confederate medical service; state and local Democratic politics; archaeology and geology; Illinois State Historical Society; business papers and medical correspondence.
- SPAULDING, DON ALONZO, papers, 1833-1871. 100 letters plus 20 notebooks and county surveys. Collection of surveying material, particularly in southern Illinois and Missouri, including a long series of maps and assistant surveyors' notebooks.
- STEPHENSON, JAMES W., papers, 1832-1838. 116 letters. Concerns the legislature, 1834-1835; internal improvements; state and national politics; Galena social life.
- STEVENS collection, 1821-1930. 125 letters plus Black Hawk War material. Includes material of general Illinois interest—Douglas, Atkinson family, and Archer letters—but the strength is the Black Hawk War material, gathered for his *Black Hawk War* (Chicago, 1903). Besides correspondence, a number of Black Hawk War (Whiteside's Brigade) muster rolls are present.
- STRINGER, LAWRENCE BEAUMONT, papers, 1907-1940. About 150 letters. Democratic politics; state and national campaigns, 1912, 1916; Lorimer case, 1908; Illinois archaeology.
- STUART - HAY - LOGAN papers, 1817-1891. About 500 items. Primarily family correspondence, the letters give an excellent picture of Springfield life, 1830-1870. The three families were very active politically; there are many references to Lincoln in this collection.
- SWETT, LEONARD, papers, 1847-1890. 100 items. Originals and copies of Swett's letters to his family about a trip to Louisiana, early life in Illinois, the Civil War, his speeches. Also letters of W. H. Herndon to the second Mrs. Swett, re Swett and Lincoln.
- TANNER collection, 1880-1889. 12 items. Political letters dealing with the career of John R. Tanner.
- TURNER collection, 1837-1895. About 800 letters. Correspondence with Owen Lovejoy, John A. McClernand, Newton Bateman, Simeon Francis, about agriculture, theology, education (including the University of Illinois), Civil War, state and local politics.
- WALLACE-DICKEY collection, 1816-1934. 8,000 letters, 37 diaries, 18 account books. Papers of W. H. L. Wallace and T. Lyle Dickey, and members of their families. Concerns, besides family matters, the Mexican War, legal affairs, the Civil War, Judge Dickey's service as assistant attorney general of the

- U. S., Democratic campaigns of 1856 and 1864. Includes muster rolls, maps, and genealogical notes.
- WEED, DANIEL, collection, 1836-1852. 160 items. Correspondence concerning land speculation and titles, religion, economic conditions, beet sugar growing, routes of travel to Illinois.
- WEIK, JESSE, papers, 1833 - 1929. About 1,000 items. Notes, draft, and reviews of Weik's *The Real Lincoln*, as well as letters and papers accumulated in the writing and publication of Herndon's *Life of Lincoln*. Bulk of letters is with Belford, Clarke & Co. re publication of the Herndon book. Letters from other Lincoln authorities are in the collection.
- WHITE, HORACE, papers, 1868-1915. 300 letters. Contains letters to White about Lincoln and about White's biography of Lyman Trumbull. Includes 63 letters from Weik and 8 from W. H. Herndon.
- WILLARD, SAMUEL, papers, 1783-1883. 200 items. Concerns Willard's education in Jacksonville and his medical practice in that place; Civil War letters; a few letters from Frances E. Willard, his aunt; much on family matters.
- YATES, RICHARD, letters and papers, 1789-1873. 20,000 items. Probably the richest single source of material on Illinois during the Civil War, the collection consists principally of letters received by Yates during his term as governor, 1861-1865. Also correspondence on state and national politics, Yates family, and activities in Washington, 1865 - 1871, when Yates was U. S. Senator.
- YATES, RICHARD, JR., collection, 1893-1930. 47 letters. All addressed to James E. Babb, many of these letters concern Yates's political career, including 11 about his candidacy for Congress.
- The Library has a substantial microfilm collection, as well as photostats of many manuscripts. The Ward Hill Lamon Collection (originals in the Huntington Library) contains 182 letters, on two reels of film, dealing primarily with people who wrote to Lincoln for jobs. The Herndon-Weik Collection (originals in the Library of Congress) occupies fourteen reels and centers about Lincoln's law practice. The Robert Todd Lincoln Collection (originals in the Library of Congress), on ninety-nine reels, is composed of Lincoln's papers as preserved by his surviving son. The Black Papers (thirty-six reels) and the Trumbull Papers (twenty-three reels) are also in the Library.
- Photostats of Yates manuscripts, from originals in private hands, are important for any study of Illinois and the Civil War. The Library has spent many years in accumulating photostats of every Black Hawk War manuscript not already in Springfield, and now has the definitive collection on that subject. These few examples are representative of the kinds of manuscripts made available through microfilms and photostats.
- The Lincoln manuscript collection of the Illinois State Historical Society is unsurpassed in quality and equaled in size only by those of the Library of



Congress and the National Archives. The collection now contains more than 1,200 original manuscripts in Lincoln's handwriting. Combined with these original manuscripts are the 5,000 photostats of Lincoln's writings accumulated by the Abraham Lincoln Association in connection with their edition of *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*, published by Rutgers University Press in 1953. The Library has continued the Association's practice of acquiring photostats of every document written by Lincoln, and serves as an unofficial depository for newly located Lincoln writings.

Already mentioned are the Nicolay and Hay Papers, the Anderson Black Hawk War Papers, the McClelland Papers, the Yates, Stuart-Hay-Logan, Henry, Hatch, and Weik papers. These collections, as well as others, have much Lincoln material. The microfilms of the Robert Todd Lincoln, Herdon-Weik, Black, Trumbull, as well as the Yates photostats, deal with Lincoln and his times.

The manuscripts range from items written at New Salem to a note written only a few days prior to Lincoln's death. They include surveys, plats, receipts, election returns, petitions, checks, and what is probably the earliest surviving letter written by Lincoln, as well as legal briefs and similar documents. A study of the *Collected Works* will indicate the richness of the Library's holdings.

The Library owns the long series of letters from Lincoln to Joshua Fry

Speed, perhaps the most intimate letters Lincoln ever wrote. On permanent display is Abraham's and Mary's wedding license, issued November 4, 1842; so also is the third manuscript of the Gettysburg Address, written by Lincoln for Edward Everett to be sold at a Sanitary Fair and finally purchased by the school children of Illinois (with the help of Marshall Field) for the Library. There are about 140 letters of Mary Lincoln in the Library, and Robert Todd, William, and Tad also are represented.

Account books from several Springfield firms carry Lincoln entries and show family purchases; the records kept by David Davis while administering Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln's estates are in the Library, as is the record book of the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church of southern Indiana (where Thomas Lincoln was a member).

All in all, the Lincoln collection forms an extraordinary body of manuscripts, films, photostats, and printed material, available to any serious student of Illinois' most illustrious citizen.

Finally, the staff of the Illinois State Historical Library is constantly searching for manuscripts—whether they be single letters or large collections—which bear upon the formation and growth of the State of Illinois. There seems to be no end to letter writers and record makers, although some aspects of Illinois history are woefully undocumented. And so the hunt for the source materials of our state's history goes on!



# Manuscript Collections of the Newberry Library

STANLEY PARGELLIS

*Librarian*

**M**ANUSCRIPT materials in the Newberry Library are so varied in nature that this description, neces-

sarily brief, can do little more than indicate the categories. The organization is roughly chronological.

## I. MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE MANUSCRIPTS

The Library came late to the collecting of medieval and Renaissance manuscripts and its holdings are interesting but not remarkably strong. There are about 175 works written before 1600, most of which are described in Seymour de Ricci, *Census of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the United States and Canada*, New York, 1935. Recent acquisitions will appear in the supplement to the *Census*, which is being edited by Dr. W. H. Bond under the sponsorship of the Bibliographical Society of America. The earliest manuscripts are two of the ninth century, a *Homiliarium* of St. Augustine and others, described in *The Newberry Library Bulletin*, Volume III, Number 8, and a work concerning the origin of human death by St. Julianus, Bishop of Toledo. A tenth-century manuscript from the monastery of Novalesse is a miscellany containing twenty-five texts, eight of which are still unidentified. St. Augustine also appears in seven

bound volumes from Reading Abbey, written in England in the twelfth century. A Greek manuscript of the Gospels, twelfth century, has been named by Dr. Edgar Goodspeed "The Newberry Gospels" and is one of the very few Greek manuscripts in the collections. Another important work of this same period is Boethius' *De consolazione philosophiae*, a palimpsest, with the erased text, probably of the tenth century, so far unidentified. It was written in Germany. There are numerous Books of Hours, Bibles, Graduals, Breviaries, Antiphonals, and Missals in the collection, among them a German Missal of the thirteenth century containing eight historiated initials of great beauty and one full-page miniature of the Crucifixion. This codex and two of the Books of Hours have been commented on very favorably by experts in the field of miniature painting. In contrast to the religious manuscripts and the works of the church fathers may be men-

tioned a secret ledger and memorial book, containing business partnership contracts, a list of relatives who died in the Plague, marriage and birth dates, lists of landed property and notes on business affairs of Pepo d'Antonio di Lando degli Albizzi, a Florentine gentleman of the fourteenth century. Several fifteenth-century manuscripts of the classics

are included in the collection and among the most recent arrivals is a mid-fifteenth century English manuscript of Ralph Higden's *Polychronicon* in Latin.

In addition to complete manuscripts the Library has made a collection of fragments of manuscripts dating from the seventh century for the use of students of paleography.

## II. CALLIGRAPHIC MANUSCRIPTS

These have been assembled primarily for their beauty of script and their relation to type design rather than for text or decoration. Among them are a number of extreme rarities ranging from the Renaissance to modern times. The earlier manuscripts can be found in de Ricci's *Census*, and recent acquisitions will appear in the supplement. There is no printed list of the manuscripts after the sixteenth-century. There are altogether some three hundred separate items in this category.

Perhaps the most valuable single item is the simple but masterly fifteenth century Italian alphabet of geometrically constructed capital letters called *Chicago anonyensis*, acquired a number of years ago as part of the Ricketts collection on calligraphy. Designed primarily as a guide for stone-cutters and scribes, it was an attempt to work out a perfect proportion for Roman inscriptional letters. There are similar works demonstrating the geometric construction of Gothic alphabets.

A splendid sixteenth-century French manuscript contains apho-

risms and classic translations written in a variety of superbly executed hands for the son of Francois I. It gives a panorama of all the hands currently written, and in addition has considerable typographic interest, since there are prototypes of a number of later French type faces in it. An English manuscript of the next century is the vellum copy-book written by Jean de Beaufort, author of the first English printed writing-manual, prepared for Elizabeth of Bohemia when he was her tutor. There are also two books by Nicholas Jarry, the noted seventeenth-century French scribe, one of them an unusually large and noble folio. These were recently bequeathed to the Library by Alfred E. Hamill. Esther Inglis, the foremost woman scribe, noted for the delicacy of her writing and her decoration, is represented by two works.

The library has also tried to include in the collection the work of the best living calligraphers, since it believes that the art of beautiful writing is not dead, and that it deserves encouragement. Among the recent calligraphers represented are Edward

Johnston, father of the calligraphic revival; Rudolf Koch, best of the

German scribes; Margaret Alexander; Hermann Zapf; and Graily Hewitt.

### III. POST-1600 MANUSCRIPTS

Under this heading is grouped a miscellaneous collection of some five hundred manuscripts dating from the seventeenth to the nineteenth century that deal with a great variety of subject matter. Among the items relating to the United States, for instance, are an 1817 journal of a trip down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; three letters of R. B. Weston from Carthage, Illinois, in 1843-1844, dealing with the troubles in Nauvoo; a four-volume autobiography of a pioneer woman in Illinois and Iowa, interesting for its information about the Copperheads in the Civil War; a collection of forty-nine letters by Rear Admiral J. A. Dahlgren to his sister, 1858-1870; a collection of diaries and letters written by General Ephraim C. Dawes from 1861 to 1863; an autobiography of Bernard Jacobs, a German immigrant to America in 1857, with a description of the Shaker settlement at Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, and an account of his experiences as a soldier in the 83rd Ohio Volunteers in the Civil War; "Incidents of Travel," which is a narrative of four years spent in the United States by John Benwell of Bristol, England, written in 1852; the diary of John B. Douglass at Yale College from 1849 to 1852; the record of the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Northwestern Sanitary Fair, 1864-1865; the diary

of George Bradburn, Anti-Slavery Society lecturer, 1842-1843; the journal of Seymour Walton, in four volumes, 1862-1863; and the correspondence of Charles Hammond of the Lincoln Monument Association, about placing the monument under the care of the State of Illinois. There are two Revolutionary War diaries; a collection of papers relating to Admiral Thomas Graves during his command in America in 1781; a memoir on the military operations of the Americans and the Mexicans during the Mexican War, in French, and addressed to Monsieur le Ministre; a militia orderly book used in Shay's Rebellion; the orderly book of Lieutenant Benjamin Craven, Barrack Master at Staten Island in 1782; and General James Wolfe's instructions to young officers, with an orderly book kept under his command in North America by Lieutenant George Sherwin of the 67th Regiment, 1748-1759. Of materials relating to England are the correspondence of Nussy Heywood, a sister of one of the Mutineers of the Bounty, relating to his imprisonment; the private journal of Captain Robert Crawford of the Royal Artillery, May, 1855, to May, 1856, with an account of his voyage to the Crimea and his experiences during the latter part of the Crimean War; a book containing copies of letters written to Esther Masham from 1690 to 1720, among

them letters from John Locke, which were printed in *The Newberry Library Bulletin*, Volume II, Number 4; the betting book of the Mousetrap Club, a London club of bachelors, 1708-1728; and an "Account of Crimes committed and punishments inflicted on board H. M. Ship Marlborough, 1807-1810." Among the continental materials can be mentioned the diaries and letters of Otilie von Goethe, Goethe's daughter-in-law; a revised text of the *Mangala Sutta* in Bur-

mese characters adapted from the Pali dictionary in Roman characters of R. C. Childers; and a beautiful geometrical survey of the Parish of Busnes, near Calais and the Belgian border, made in 1782, and showing in great detail the distribution of land among various seigniories, and the division into fields. More elaborate than similar surveys, it raises many questions about feudal remains in France on the eve of the Revolution.

#### IV. MANUSCRIPTS IN THE AYER COLLECTION

In 1937 the library published *A Checklist of Manuscripts in the Edward E. Ayer Collection*, compiled by Ruth Lapham Butler. Among the more important collections are the papers of General Benjamin Grierson, containing more than six hundred items on the military post-Civil War administration of affairs in the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache country, his correspondence with Sheridan, Sherman, Grant, and Miles, with his subordinates and Indian service officials, and his letters to his wife which give a detailed account of affairs on the Southwest frontier from 1865 to 1890; the Christopher C. Augur papers, a miscellaneous group of letters on Indian warfare in the West after the Civil War and on negotiations with the Indians in the vicinity of Forts Laramie, Sedgwick, and Kearney; the Chaves, Gonzalez, and Espinosa collections, a miscellaneous group of correspondence of the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries concerning the New Mexi-

can region around Abiquiu; the archaeological notes of Maximilian de Waldeck, which comprise ten volumes and more than two hundred sketches made by him in Mexico from 1829 to 1834; the papers of John Howard Payne on the Cherokee Indians, consisting of fourteen volumes, often consulted for ethnological information on the Cherokees; the Frederick Starr papers, being hundreds of letters, diaries, travel notes and anthropological observations over a period of thirty years, by a professor at the University of Chicago, from the Southwest, Mexico, the Philippines, Japan, and Korea; the David Brydie Mitchell papers, about 150 in number, from 1800 to 1821, the period for which Mitchell was Governor of Georgia and later Indian Agent to the Creek nation; the Henry Van Schaack papers, being the correspondence, 1743-1800, of this New York merchant with John Jay, Philip Schuyler, William Cobbett, Thomas Morris, Sir William



Johnson, and others; the Williamson papers, from 1775 to 1807, a collection of 684 documents dealing with the land operations of the "Pulteney Associates," for whom Charles Williamson served as resident agent, and dealing also with the diplomacy of the United States and Britain in the early nineteenth century; and a collection of memoirs, 1702-1753, concerning French possessions in var-

ious parts of the world, accompanied by 115 manuscript maps, several of which pertain to America. There are also in the Ayer Collection three hundred original manuscript maps relating to America, as well as over one thousand reproductions of manuscript maps from the archives of France, Spain, Portugal, and Great Britain, known as the Karpinski Collection.

## V. THE PHILIPPINE MANUSCRIPTS

The Ayer Collection of Philippine manuscripts has been called the richest on the subject outside the Archives of the Indies. It covers almost the entire Spanish colonial period and every phase of Philippine life. There are descriptions of travels through the Islands, natural resources, and details of rice, tobacco, and sugar culture. There are accounts of commerce and trade with New Spain, as well as with India, China, and the

East Indies; details of Spanish administration, officials and their duties, taxation, military defense, and operations against the Moros. The documents emphasize the work of the Catholic Church, its administration, the missions, education, and public welfare. The greater part of these documents have been calendared by Professor Paul S. Lietz, *Calendar of Philippine Documents in the Ayer Collection of The Newberry Library*, Chicago, 1956.

## VI. MUSIC

The music manuscripts range from a twelfth-century Boethius, "de Musica," to the works of modern composers. A recent acquisition, described in *The Newberry Library Bulletin*, Volume IV, Number 6, pages 192-193, is a collection of treatises on music by fourteenth-century French and Italian theorists. Among the sixteenth-century manuscripts are a German one containing eight folksongs, two Meistersinger

songs, and some forty instrumental compositions in the French form of lute tablature; a collection of thirty motets and madrigals in Latin and Italian by Phillipe Verdelot, Adrian Willaert, and other early sixteenth-century composers; and the earliest known lute tablature, by Capirola, recently edited by Dr. Otto Gombosi, and published by the Library. For those interested there are the musical



autographs of such composers as Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert, Haydn, Schumann, Debussy, and Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. Among the 125 items are unpublished dance tunes, string quartet music, and songs. Yury Arbatsky's transcripts of the

strange and ancient folk-music heard in the Balkan Mountains are available. A collection of 435 letters, the correspondence of Joseph Joachim with Philipp Spitta and Heinrich and Elisabeth Herzogenberg, 1868-1900, has much information about Brahms.

## VII. MIDWEST MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

Under this heading are grouped some sixty-five separate collections of papers, comprising over 100,000 individual items. Most of these papers have been well cataloged, so that it is possible to answer at once questions about the letters of an individual author. The largest single collection is that of Sherwood Anderson, with over sixteen thousand separate items, five thousand of them being letters from Anderson himself. This collection was described in *The Newberry Library Bulletin*, Volume II, Number 2. Other authors whose papers are in the library are Francis F. Browne, editor of *Dial*, 1,895 items; Mary H. Catherwood, Floyd Dell, Alice French, Henry B. Fuller, Joseph Kirkland, William Morton Payne (a writer for *Dial*), Wallace Rice, Eunice Tietjens, and Henry Kittell Webster. The history of the *Chicago Daily News* is well documented with the 11,154 items of its founder and proprietor, Victor Lawson; the 10,978 letters and papers of Edward Price Bell, its great foreign correspondent in the first thirty years of this century; the 463 papers of Charles Dennis, its editor; and a small collection of Henry Justin Smith's letters. Certain Chicago citizens are included, among them

Carter Harrison, three times Mayor of the city; Charles Hutchinson, a leader in the founding of the Art Institute of Chicago; General William Vorhees Judson, chief of the American Military Mission in Russia in 1917-18; and Graham Taylor, founder and head of a Chicago settlement house, Chicago Commons, 10,183 items. In the collection also are the papers of General Orville E. Babcock, General Grant's Aide-de-Camp and later private secretary; of Herman Raster, editor of the *Illinois Staats-Zeitung*, from 1867 on; and of Theodore Thomas, the first director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Here also are the few papers of "The Little Room," an informal group of literary personages that met during the 1900's; and the minutes of the oldest such club in the city, The Chicago Literary Club, which began in 1875. Not many of the earlier papers read before the membership at its regular Monday evening meetings are now available, but papers presented within the last few years will some day make it possible for the intellectual historian to have an insight into the subjects which interested a mixed group of Chicago citizens during these turbulent mid-twentieth century years.

## VIII. RAILROAD COLLECTIONS

The headquarters papers of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad from its beginning to 1901, and of the Illinois Central Railroad to 1906, have been deposited in the Library. Guides to both collections, which are also catalogs, have been published: *Guide to the Burlington Archives in The Newberry Library 1851-1901*, compiled by Elisabeth Coleman Jackson and Carolyn Curtis,

The Newberry Library, Chicago, 1949; and *Guide to the Illinois Central Archives in The Newberry Library 1851-1906*, compiled by Carolyn Curtis Mohr, The Newberry Library, Chicago, 1951. Copies of these guides are available without charge, on application to the Librarian. Only serious and qualified students are admitted to these collections.

## IX. GENEALOGY

This is not a collection of manuscripts in the precise use of the word "manuscript." It consists of family histories in three to twelve generations, biographical sketches, notebooks, diaries, letters, vital records copied from original sources, Bible records, memorial and reminiscence, copies of wills, grants, etc. There are now sixteen hundred titles in the manuscript card catalog of the division of historical genealogy, a catalog begun in 1949. In general, the compiled family history is the gift of the compiler, and may be one of two or few copies in existence. Some of these family histories run to more than five hundred pages. They often include many migrated lines of a family not known to the compiler

of an earlier printed work. Among these materials are ninety volumes, transcribed from original records mostly in Illinois, including such material as wills, deeds, land grants, soldiers' war records, church history, historical sketches, biographical sketches, pioneer interviews, letters, diaries, etc.; the Keith manuscripts, with material on many Virginia and Maryland families who migrated West; the John Bearse Newcomb collection of family history, correspondence, notes, and account books of Illinois interest, dating from around 1850-1870; and the Rogers family papers, letters written by the children to their parents who lived in Eleanor, Warren County, Illinois, in the 1830's and 1840's.

# The Manuscript Collections at Northwestern University Library

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NORTHWESTERN'S manuscript collections, administered by the Curator of Special Collections, fall into three categories: (1) Correspondence; (2) Author and Subject Collections; and (3) Individual Manuscripts

and Documents. The collections comprise together approximately 100,000 pieces, not counting the Charles G. Dawes Collection, for which figures in terms of pieces are not yet available.

## I. CORRESPONDENCE

The general letter collection, kept in standard Fibredex boxes with individual folders for each correspondent, contains upward of one thousand pieces. The men and women whose pen- or type-strokes are preserved here represent many nationalities and even more fields of endeavor. Among the litterateurs, artists, and musicians, we find names like Anatole France, John Singer Sargent, Richard Wagner, Gabriele D'Annunzio, Harriet Beecher Stowe; among the statesmen, we encounter not only numerous American presidents, but also foreign heads of government and political and military leaders, as Napoleon Bonaparte, Georges B. Clemenceau, Giuseppe Garibaldi, and similar figures. And there are educators, inventors, industrialists, and singular personages outside of populated categories, for example Florence Nightingale, of whom we have four holograph letters

written between 1863 and 1881. Although these correspondence files have little research value, some of the fading letter-pages manage to bring to life for one short humorous or pathetic moment persons whose bones have long since crumbled into dust—as the letter of August 18, 1783, by John Adams, which begins: "Sir: I am surprised to find that you have not the key of my Secretary. I have searched every Pocket and Place and my Son has done the Same, but we have it not. We certainly left it. Perhaps you may find it, somewhere about the Bed upon the Carpet . . ."

The most valuable group of letters is the correspondence between John Stuart Mill and Herbert Spencer. It amounts to more than fifty holograph letters of which thirty-three (twenty by Mill and thirteen by Spencer) are still unpublished. This interchange

of thoughts by two great minds was discussed in a doctoral dissertation submitted at Northwestern in 1937 by James McNab McCrimmon, titled *Studies Toward a Biography of John Stuart Mill*. "Not only," writes Mr. McCrimmon, "do these letters provide us with considerable information about Mill's activities, but they form a record of a friendship between two thinkers whose differences of opinion were so candidly and

courteously expressed as to provide a model for philosophical controversy."

Our correspondence collection grows as do the lilies in the field—that is to say, no systematic effort is made to increase it through purchases in specific areas. In this it is distinguished from the category of special author and subject collections where we now strive for increase and, as far as possible, completion.

## II. AUTHOR AND SUBJECT COLLECTIONS

These are the most valuable of our manuscript holdings. We have the following collections: (a) The Bolivian Manuscript Collection; (b) The Manasseh Cutler Collection; (c) The French Republic Documents; (d) The James B. Pinker Correspondence; (e) The Ralph Straus Letters; (f) The Lew Sarett Papers; (g) The Anais Nin Manuscripts; (h) The Abraham D. Graves Diaries; and (i) The Charles G. Dawes Collection.

### A. THE BOLIVIAN MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION\*

This collection of Bolivian manuscripts constituted at one time a portion of the private library of Nicolas Acosta (1844-93), a Bolivian scholar and the author of *Introduccion a la lengua de Adan*. After his tragic post-exile death, his collection (of unrecorded size) of

books, pamphlets, documents, and manuscripts passed into the hands of his nephew, Don Donato Lanza y Lanza, who eventually, compelled by financial reverses, offered it for sale to the Bolivian government. The National Congress had already authorized the purchase at the requested price of 20,000 bolivianos when it turned out that the government was unable to raise that sum. Lanza thereupon sold the library to Dr. Walter Lichtenstein, then librarian of Northwestern University, for a mere 9,550 bolivianos. The transaction took place in La Paz in 1914, on occasion of Dr. Lichtenstein's book buying tour through South America on behalf of five co-operating institutions: the American Antiquarian Society, John Carter Brown, Crerar, Harvard, and Northwestern. Following the arrival of the material in this country, it was sorted and divided amongst the participating institutions according to their fields of interest; Northwestern obtained the manuscripts.

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The term "manuscripts" must, incidentally, not be taken too literally in this instance, for the collection contains, next to its bulk of holographs and typescripts, numerous pieces of printed matter—documents, broadsides, broadsheets, and all types of leaflets. In all, there are about forty thousand pieces, the majority in Spanish, a few in Latin and French, covering the period from the late 16th to the late 19th century. They fill two portfolios and sixty-six bound volumes, to which are added one unnumbered volume of rare broadsides and one volume containing the Bibolotti manuscript on the language of the Moseteno Indians. The last-named item was published in book form in 1917 by Northwestern University under the title *Moseteno Vocabulary and Treatises*. Apart from several volumes which are in their original handmade bindings, the papers were bound after their arrival in Evanston, and hastily so, in view of their frequently fragile or damaged condition; for this reason, they are not assembled in topical and only in an approximate chronological order. This circumstance, needless to say, made an analytical record of their contents both imperative and difficult. Jac Nachbin, a young Brazilian scholar, undertook the task of preparing a descriptive calendar. He found that the papers deal with political and governmental, ecclesiastical, biographical, and literary-cultural matters, all contributing to the study of Bolivia's social history. There is, however, scattered through the volumes, much valuable information also on the early history of

Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Chile, Paraguay, the Chaco territory, and Argentina. Many of the documents fall into the category of reports (*informes*), that is, of official or unofficial and usually confidential letters and messages without name or address.

While the primary emphasis is on history, the collection has research value in the fields of anthropology, art, economics, law, and religion, touching on a great variety of topics, from the conversion of natives to reports on their folklore, from paleography to military affairs, from school systems to means and problems of transportation, from local politics to farming methods.

In his "Descriptive Calendar of South American Manuscripts in the Northwestern University Library"—which appeared in 1932 and 1933 in the *Hispanic American Historical Review's* volumes XII (pp. 242-59, 376-86, and 503-21) and XIII (pp. 124-42, 267-80, 403-19, and 524-42)—Dr. Nachbin speaks of sixty-four volumes as comprising the collection; actually, there are also vols. 65 and 66, titled respectively, *Letters and Documents Concerning General Jose Ballivian, 1842-52* (supplementing the contents of vols. 52-54), and *Letters from General J. M. de Acha, 1861-64*. The "Calendar" gives the over-all contents of the sixty-four volumes examined by Nachbin, but furnishes a detailed analysis only of volumes 1-16, that is, from 1574 to 1799 (*HAHR*, XII, p. 242 and XIII, p. 524 ff.). As Nachbin states in vol. XII, p. 253, he intended to begin with an analysis of the first

twenty-four volumes (covering the Colonial Period), and to describe the remaining tomes (covering the Republican Period) at a later date. Unfortunately he died of tuberculosis before his plan was realized, and the "Descriptive Calendar" thus remains—up to now at least—a fragment.

### B. THE MANASSEH CUTLER COLLECTION

This fine collection of the papers of the Reverend Dr. Manasseh Cutler (1742-1823) was given to the university in 1942 by Gen. Charles G. Dawes. It consists of approximately 10,000 pieces, bound in 64 octavo and 12 folio volumes: *Diaries* (29 volumes, 1785-1819); *Sermons* (22 volumes, 1768-1820); *Ohio Company Papers* (5 volumes, 1787-1803); *Journeys* (4 volumes, 1784-1788); *Miscellany* (16 volumes, 1762-1857, including medical records of patients treated, births, deaths, baptisms in Ipswich Hamlet, Connecticut, astronomical papers, a genealogy of the Cutler family, notes on Indians and on immigrants to the lands of the Ohio Company, and letters of prominent people to Dr. Cutler or about him); finally the *Brookfield Journal, 1772-73, of Rufus Putnam*, and *Dr. Thomas Balch's Note Book*, which includes an 1814 oration by Ephraim Cutler. In the university archives we find the following background note which may be useful in grasping the character and significance of this collection:

On the night of January 9, 1786, two men of broad vision sat in conference before a generous New England kitchen-

fireplace, formulating plans which were to influence profoundly the expansion of the American frontier. One of these was General Rufus Putnam (1738-1824), the other was Benjamin Tupper (1738-1792). They were discussing the possibility of forming a land company to be composed of Massachusetts men who had served as officers in the Revolutionary War. The purpose of this organization would be to raise funds for the purchase and colonization of large tracts of government lands somewhere in the western territory. In consequence of this discussion, the Ohio Company was formed and the Reverend Dr. Manasseh Cutler, one of its directors, was chosen to negotiate with Congress for the purchase of public lands. Dr. Cutler was a man of varied and extensive learning. He had been trained first for the law and later for the ministry, but his true calling seems to have been politics. This shrewd Yankee clergyman had great push and energy; the Ohio Company, then in *statu nascendi*, became his dominant interest. He handled the interests of the Ohio Company so well, indeed, that in 1788 the Company was able to purchase one Million and a half acres of the public domain in Ohio, and to establish its first settlement at the junction of the Muskingum River with the Ohio. To this place they gave the name Marietta. Dr. Cutler's papers pertain to the settlement of the West in general and of Marietta in particular.

Dr. Cutler was a man of great accomplishment and activity, who in the midst of a busy life still found time to hunt squirrels and partridges, to pursue scientific hobbies, and to enter in his journals minute descriptions of the noted women he met in his travels not omitting to describe their costumes and coiffures to the last detail.

Dr. Cutler's interest in science led him into the fields of astronomy, meteorology, botany, and medicine. Among his papers is a description of a remarkable *aurora borealis* in 1776. . . . After the Revolution he took up the study of medicine under one of his parishioners and developed enough skill to practice as a physician.

One of his note-books is devoted to detailed records of the cases he attended and the cures he prescribed. He was particularly interested in the new vaccination against the then very prevalent small-pox. . . . His greatest service, however, was in the capacity of historian. He preserved for posterity as much as he could of the early history of Ohio, collecting tales, diaries and letters of the early pioneers still living in his day.

It must be stated, however, that the research potentials of the collection are limited, since large portions of it—all the diaries and journeys and correspondence—have been published.

#### C. THE FRENCH REPUBLIC DOCUMENTS

This collection of approximately fifty documents from the time of the First French Republic was acquired as a supplement to a large (7,500 pieces) collection of French Revolutionary pamphlets. Some of the documents are entirely holographs, others partly printed and partly handwritten, especially where filled-in printed government forms are concerned. Almost all of these bear dates like "Paris, le 7 jour de Nivose l'an second de l'Ere de la Republique, une & indivisible" (which means 27 December 1793), and their letter heads read something like this: "Unite, Indivisibilite de la Republique, Liberte, Egalite, Fraternite, ou la Mort." This collection has not yet been analyzed, but after a preliminary examination it can be stated that it contains much material of historical importance and several valuable signatures. The papers are in remarkably good condition.

#### D. THE JAMES B. PINKER CORRESPONDENCE

James B. Pinker was a British literary agent, the head of the firm of Pinker & Sons, whose headquarters, from 1900-1934, were at his home office in London and in New York. During his years of activity, Mr. Pinker accumulated a vast correspondence with authors, other agents, publishers, magazine editors, critics, printers, and theatre and movie agencies throughout the world. This correspondence comprises some fifty thousand pieces. It must, unfortunately, be said that the letters from Pinker outnumber the letters to Pinker, and that many are of a trivial nature. Still, even these throw some sidelights on the economic aspects of writing, on copyright and translation problems and the inner workings of the publishing and agency business. Future biographers should find some worthwhile information here, for we do encounter several distinguished names, as for example D. H. Lawrence (8 letters about him, concerned mainly with the publication-difficulties of *The Rainbow*), Hugh Walpole (425 letters about), Arnold Bennett (2,000 letters about), Ford Maddox Ford (500 letters, 95 per cent about), H. L. Mencken (8 letters from), Phyllis Bottome (125 letters from, 35 about), and Percival Gibbon (180 letters from, 620 about). The majority of writers, though, can be described as run of the mill and thus representing the common reading tastes and trends of the period, even if they seldom found a niche of survival in the histories of literature. The material constitutes a vivid

record of the tribulations, as well as of the successes, of a broad group of writers beset by war and depressions and the incisive economic, political and ideological fluctuations of the early part of the 20th century. It appears, for instance, that Pinker was forever loaning out money to the members of his "stable"—even to the stars and prima donnas. His relationships with his clients had a touch of Hollywood about them; often he appears more as a "wet nurse" than a literary agent, handling love affairs, divorces, estates, suits, the purchase of houses and clothes, making travel and hotel reservations, appointments with reporters and physicians, posting bail, writing apologies for his charges and extricating them from all kinds of jams. These things, of course, caused financial difficulties and other troubles for himself more than once. The correspondence also shows the many controversies and rivalries between agents, agents and publishers, and agents and authors.

About 50 per cent of the writers represented are British, 30 per cent are American, and 20 per cent are Continental-European. Since the agency handled prose, poetry, drama, and even some illustration work, these files run the gamut of commercial literature and will, we hope, be mined by scholars and students. Some efforts in that direction have already been made. One interesting aspect that might be treated is the difference in requirements typical for the British, the European, and the American literary markets in the twenties and thirties. The idiosyncracies of the American market

particularly, its taboos and "musts" for commercial success, stand out in the great volume of letters from the editors of large and small American publishing houses and magazines.

#### E. THE RALPH STRAUS LETTERS

Ralph Straus was a British novelist, biographer, bibliophile, and book reviewer who lived and worked in England during the first half of our century. He died in 1950 in a London hospital, leaving among his possessions a correspondence collection of over seven hundred letters which Northwestern University Library acquired.

Early in his career Mr. Straus gave promise of becoming a major novelist—a promise which he never quite fulfilled. He did become prominent, however, in the field of detective fiction and qualified as a Scotland Yard "expert." The world of scholarship will remember him for his painstaking work on Baskerville, Dodsley, and Curll, as well as his biographies of Dickens and Sala. As it became a writer, bibliophile, and student of printing, he issued articles and books from his own press. During the last twenty years of his active life, he conducted a weekly book-review column in the *Sunday Times*, which won him a wide circle of readers.

His letter collection spans the period from 1900 to 1950. About five hundred of the letters are holographs, the rest typescripts. *In toto*, they reflect the pleasures and pains in the life of a prominent literary figure, and present, as no other medium can, the great and



near-great of English letters — informally, humanly, and sometimes off-guard. The collection includes letters from well-known authors, such as Graham Greene, Somerset Maugham, and Dorothy Sayers. A large part of this correspondence, naturally enough, is concerned with Straus's activities as a literary critic, and gives a lively picture of a segment of contemporary English literature.

#### F. THE LEW SARETT PAPERS

Lew Sarett (1888-1954) was for thirty-three years associated with Northwestern as a professor of oral interpretation in the school of speech and published four books in that field. He was, beyond that, a nationally recognized poet, with five volumes to his credit. Mr. Sarett was intensely interested in the Indian tribes of North America, and many of his poems reflect this concern. When he died, his family presented his manuscripts, notebooks, letters, photographs, and other memorabilia to the Library, more than 1,350 pieces in all, 900 of which are letters, mostly to and about Sarett, but including a few by him. Among the letter writers are Harriet Monroe, Carl Sandburg, Robert Frost, Sherwood Anderson, Stephen Vincent Benet, Richard LeGallienne, Amy Lowell, Edgar Lee Masters, H. L. Mencken, Robert Nathan, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Mark and Carl Van Doren, Louis Untermeyer, William Allen White, "Ellery Queen," and many others of stature. Among Sarett's own manuscripts, work sheets, drafts, and notes are holographs and typescripts of poems like "The Box

of God" (in several numbered versions), "Four Little Foxes," "Tamarack Blue," "Night Letter," "To a Wild Goose Over Decoys," "Angeli-que," "Feud," "To an Ugly Whelp in a Litter of Wolves," and "Ode to Illinois." There are also numerous professional manuscripts, notebooks, lectures, itineraries, etc., pertaining to Sarett's activities as a teacher of oral interpretation.

#### G. THE ANAIS NIN MANUSCRIPTS

Anais Nin is an uncommercial and in many other respects uncommon writer. In trying to characterize her in a few lines, one can do no better than quote from the First Supplement to *Twentieth Century Authors*. After stating that Miss Nin was born in Paris, that she was of Spanish-Danish descent, and that she had come to the United States at the age of nine and educated herself in public libraries as soon as she had finished grammar school, the biographical sketch continues:

Anais Nin's strange chronicles of the subconscious, written in an esoteric and imaginative prose, have brought her the attention of a small but highly literate public. At the outset . . . she was obliged to publish her books herself, on a second-hand foot-power press . . . Edmund Wilson describes her novels as "half short stories, half dreams, mixing a sometimes exquisite poetry with a homely realistic observation. They take place in a special world, a world of feminine perception and fancy."

Up to now, Anais Nin's work comprises more than a dozen titles—novels, short stories, and essays. Deering Library was fortunate enough to acquire all her extant manuscripts—43 altogether—with the exception,

it must be added, of the legendary diary which she started at the age of eleven and which by now has reached the extent of eighty handwritten volumes. Some of the library-owned manuscripts have never been published; some are variant versions of an individual story, permitting, and indeed inviting, a study of a work's development in consecutive stages. A number of these drafts are in longhand, though the majority are typewritten, with holograph corrections and marginal notes. One manuscript, the Paris-written novel, *Winter of Artifice* (which was first published in 1939 in Paris, later, in an expurgated version, in New York), contains corrections, criticisms, and handwritten comments by Henry Miller, which in itself makes this a uniquely interesting literary document. Included in the collection are also several corrected galley proofs.

#### H. THE ABRAHAM D. GRAVES DIARIES

In 1947, Mr. Charles S. Graves, a Northwestern alumnus and well-known Chicago attorney, presented the library with the diaries of his father, Abraham D. Graves. They consist of fifty-five slim notebooks, spanning the period of 1847 to 1850 and from 1857 to 1907, and contain the daily notes of an Illinois farmer who lived for fifty-seven years in DeKalb County, cultivated his land, and became an influential member of his community. These diaries, monotonously and clumsily written as they are, give a realistic glimpse of life in a rural community in the second half of the 19th century: the

prices of everyday commodities, the interest rates on loans, the community social life, such as barn raisings, singing schools, quilting parties, hog fairs, spelling bees, temperance and missionary meetings, Van Amburgh's exhibitions of wild animals, and the like. Also the references to the prosecution of illegal liquor sales, census reports for the superintendent of the Sunday school, magazines and books read by Graves and his family, and health remedies in vogue, as "conditioning powders" and "Latimer's Speedy Relief" may be of interest to the researcher who is after the homely touches of northern Illinois farm life a century ago.

#### I. THE CHARLES G. DAWES COLLECTION

This valuable research collection is administered jointly by the University's history department and the Library. It consists of the papers of Gen. Charles G. Dawes (1865-1950), great-grandson of Manasseh Cutler, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1925 for his services in connection with the Dawes Plan, and Vice-President of the United States under Coolidge.

No figures are as yet available for the contents of the Dawes Collection in terms of pieces. It comprises 73 letter press boxes, 105 letter files, 200 Fibredex boxes, 22 scrapbooks, 25 diaries and journals, 29 manuscript books, and 20 miscellaneous boxes.

Dr. John E. Pixton, Jr., professor of history at Pennsylvania State University, in 1955 made a prelimi-

nary examination of the collection, in which he says in part:

The greatest bulk of the papers is correspondence; next in bulk are copies of Dawes' many speeches and articles, and last, the original manuscripts of his diaries. The outgoing correspondence is mostly in the form of letterpress copy-books up until about 1924. Thereafter much of the outgoing and incoming correspondence was filed together and is deposited in archive boxes in an arrangement that is basically chronological, but with topical subdivisions relating to the various phases of Dawes' career (i.e. World War I, Director of the Budget, Dawes Hotels, etc.) . . .

With the exception of small diaries for the years 1887 through 1892, and one for 1923 on Minute Men activities, all the

journals have been published under six different titles. . . . Copies of Dawes' many speeches are scattered through the collection, usually with the archival materials relating to the subject of the speech. In 1916 Dawes published a number of his articles and speeches in *Essays and Speeches*. . . . The collection also includes a series of twenty scrapbooks of clippings covering Dawes' entire career after 1898. There are also two ledgers for the campaigns of 1896 and 1904 showing contributions received by the western groups of the Republican National Committee.

The users of the Dawes papers are aided by a twenty-seven page type-written list analyzing the contents chronologically by subject and present location.

### III. INDIVIDUAL MANUSCRIPTS AND DOCUMENTS

The holdings in this category are too many and manifold to permit enumeration or detailed description. Only an indication of the type of single items or groups of items included here can be given.

There are samples of cuneiform and papyrus writing, a Hebrew Torah handwritten on tan parchment, and sundry oriental manuscripts, including an Arabic manuscript relating to the Rifa'i set, a Koran and two Arabic prayer books, an Armenian psalter, the great Persian epos Shahnamah in Persian by the poet Firdausi, another Persian manuscript of Nizami, three sanscrit manuscripts from Buduan, India, a commentary on portions of the Pali Buddhist Canon written in the Pali language in Singhalese script, etc.

The Library's medieval manuscripts are in part described in the De Ricci

Census and will be brought up to date in a hoped-for supplement to that work. Our oldest manuscript is a fragment on vellum from a 10th-century Latin text of Gregorius Magnus: *Expositio in Job Seu Moralia*. Another treasure is a calligraphically exquisite vellum leaf from a Horace manuscript of approximately 1100 A. D., a companion piece to the 14th-century manuscript of Horace's *Ars Poetica*, also on vellum and complete. These two manuscripts are particularly welcome in view of our recently acquired 1,900-volume collection of Horace in first and early editions. There are two finely illuminated hour books of which one, *Horae ad Usum Ebriocensem*, written by a French scribe in the late 15th or early 16th century and containing twenty-three full-page miniatures, four small minia-

tures, and hundreds of initials resplendent in gold and colors, is especially precious. And worthy of special note are also a large handwritten Latin Bible, two Greek liturgies, the first part of Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*, copied by two scribes at about 1460, a breviary for Franciscan monks from the 16th century, and several parchment leaves and volumes of missals, antiphonaries, and graduals.

Kept in a big folder are papal bulls and briefs (e. g., Gregory XIII, Clement X, Benedict XIII, Clement XII), as well as letters, decrees, pardons, and similar documents by kings and nobles such as Charles V, Frederick the Great, Louis XVI, and Prince Eugen of Savoy. A curious and scarce item is a leaf from the German exercise book of the Duke of Reichstadt, Napoleon II.

An unusual little collection in itself is formed by the personal copies of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's memoirs. These copies contain numerous added leaves of handwritten notes by Sherman, and there are a great many marginal notes, additions and deletions, changes and comments, probably with a view to a future new edition.\* Worthy of mention are also some diverse papers, as for instance two handwritten notebooks of lectures given by the German philosophers Hegel and Schelling, respectively (the notes were presumably taken in class by students and later neatly transcribed); handwritten sales bills for Negro slaves

sold and bought in the United States; some British indentures; a small assortment of South and North Carolina deeds; and similar documents. Of considerable historical interest is the *Dibb Journal*—the typescript of a slim diary kept by William Denton Dibb, M. D., on an overland expedition in 1862 from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Idaho. Captain James L. Fisk was in charge of the expedition, which was made with emigrants; the journal tells of various, mostly friendly, encounters with the Sioux Indians.

The Library's fine collection of first editions of Whitman is supplemented by two holograph letters (to Sister Lou and to "dear brother") and by a page of an untitled and apparently never published poem, beginning, "'Twas Love—the little mystic sprite!" written in Whitman's hand but probably not composed by him. Another poem, this one written as well as penned by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, is called "Thought and Speech" and dated November 8, 1846; this is accompanied by a holograph letter of Longfellow (Cambridge, June 25, 1870), and is an answer to "My dear Sir," regarding the dear sir's request for advice on foreign travel. The valuable manuscript of a version of Robert Burns's "The Banks of Doon" is carefully encased and seldom displayed to safeguard its fading script. A riddle propounded by a slim notebook bearing the inscription, "Wordsworth," on the inside of the back cover has been solved by Professor Z. S. Fink of the University's English department. Most of the entries in

\* See however Jared W. Young's article, "Why Sherman's 'Memoirs' Were Not Revised," in *Booksellers' and Print Dealers' Weekly*, December 8, 1927.



the notebook, Professor Fink found, were made by Christopher Wordsworth, William's younger brother, but there are five pages written by William Wordsworth himself during his school days at Hawkshead. Dr. Fink has written a book based on this notebook which will shortly be published by Clarendon Press.

In the present century, finally, we have one holograph and four typescript essays by the eminent anthropologist Franz Boas. All of the typescripts have numerous handwritten corrections. One of the essays is in German and deals with Hitler's race theory, apparently written for a public lecture and, as far as we know, never printed.

Another noteworthy group is formed by a combination of six epistles and one manuscript of Ezra Pound, all apparently unpublished. The letters are typed by Pound on his stationery which bears the imprint "Anno XVI"—meaning 1937, the

sixteenth year after Mussolini's March on Rome. They were written in Rapallo and addressed to a David D. Page in Boston—editor of *The Nationalist Quarterly*, formerly named *The Monarchist* and *Anathema*. The subject matter of these letters is Page's plan to form a "National Party" in America, and the three-page manuscript is a kind of political manifesto written by Pound for Page's project. The erratic-sounding letters, heavily sprinkled with invective, are typed in red and black, show numerous holograph corrections by Pound, and are hand-signed with his initials.

While most of Henry Miller's manuscripts, to our knowledge, are at the UCLA Library, we have at least one—the typescript, with holograph notes, of *The Waters Reglitterized*. This manuscript was given to the library by Mr. Miller in appreciation for some bibliographical research for his *The Books in My Life*.

## CONCLUSION

The Library's manuscript collections are not yet fully organized and cataloged and they grew, as can be seen from their motley character, in a rather unsystematic fashion, largely through gifts. Until recently, no active acquisitions program in regard to manuscripts existed; efforts will be made in the future, however, to collect materials methodically through gifts and purchases in various newly developed areas of study—for instance, 20th Century American and

English authors, the acculturation of Sub-Saharan Africa, and in other fields determined by research needs.

In keeping with our belief that the holdings of a library are for use rather than for being tucked away, we impose no restrictions on the study of manuscripts other than those dictated by considerations of material safety and care and the borrower's scholarly purpose and qualifications. Most of the Library's manuscripts are kept in a vault and

may be used—after the signing-out formalities—in the Rare Book Room or the adjoining reading room. The expected borrowers are faculty members, visiting scholars, and graduate

students. In case of publication, the customary credits are requested and the rules governing transcription, quotation, copyright, etc., must be observed.

# Manuscript Holdings of Southern Illinois University Library

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SOUTHERN Illinois University Library is administered by Dr. Ralph E. McCoy as Director, assisted by two Assistant Directors, Miss Elizabeth O. Stone (Assistant Director for Public Services) and Mr. Ferris S. Randall (Assistant Director for Technical Services). The Division of Public Services, headed by Miss Stone, administers, among other units, the four subject-matter libraries which are concerned with the selection and use of library materials. These are The Education Library, Mrs. Zella Cundall, Librarian; The Humanities Library, Mr. Alan Cohn, Librarian; The Science Library, Mr. Harry Skallerup, Librarian; and the Social Studies Library, Dr. John Clifford, Librarian. All library manuscript holdings are housed in the Social Studies Library with the exception of minor materials found in the Treasure Room. The manuscript collection is relatively new, but is

being built up rapidly. The goal is the creation of a general collection of regional Americana which will include, in addition to a manuscript collection, adequate materials in the form of newspapers, books and other published items. To date most of the materials have been collected by Mr. John Allen (now retired). Dr. Clifford is now in charge of collecting materials. It is the purpose of this article to describe the present holdings in manuscript form exclusive of microfilm and other photographic materials. Unless otherwise indicated, materials are arranged in the files and are now ready for use by scholars. Though the Library is operated on the "open stack" arrangement, all manuscripts are kept in locked files. For the purposes of this study materials will be described under the general headings of "Public Records," "Southern Illinois University Archives," and "Private Papers."

## I. PUBLIC RECORDS

While the Library is not a depository for local public records, in the course of collection certain materials in manuscript form have come into its

possession. For convenience these are referred to under the county in which the documents originated, each county being considered in alpha-

betical order. Materials are generally filed in chronological order.

#### A. FRANKLIN COUNTY.

These materials cover the period 1837-1869, and consist of probate court records, 1837-1841; a sheriff's record book, 1838-1848; Book "A" on delinquent tax lands, 1850-1859; a fee book in the Chancery Court, 1851-1857; justice-of-the-peace dockets, 1851-1853; and an undated township plat book.

#### B. GALLATIN COUNTY.

A rich collection of Gallatin County records, covering the period 1800-1910, is available. Four large drawer files house this material; two of these files, however, have not yet been organized for use, having but lately been received. These materials were obtained from Old Shawneetown. Subjects covered in the collection are, among others, marriage licenses (1821 - 1896, some years missing); tavern, ferry, and other bonds, 1800-1833; chancery, probate, and other

court records (1850-1900, unclassified); administrators' bonds, 1822-1910; criminal and divorce cases, 1814-1902; and other court records, 1814-1861, with miscellaneous items.

#### C. POPE COUNTY.

A few documents pertaining to appointments of persons to county and state offices are available, covering the period 1821-1857, and involving such offices as justice of the peace, probate judge, trustee, notary public, and county clerk.

#### D. UNION COUNTY.

These documents consist of two volumes listing property assessments for Union County in the year 1843 and four land warrants conveying title to Union County lands in the year 1838.

#### E. WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

The sole item from this county is a poll book for Marion Precinct, dated November 8, 1870.

## II. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES .

#### A. UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES, 1885 TO DATE.

These records consist of eight files (the last unarranged), chiefly from the president's office, and pertain to the administrations of Presidents Allyn, Parkinson, Shryock, Pulliam, Lay, and Morris. The materials consist of letters, financial papers, and other items. Those pertaining

to President Allyn's time deal in part with the reconstruction of the Old Main building after the fire of 1883. Among these files may also be found certain materials pertaining to the Forum Debating Society (minutes, 1919-1921), and the Zetetic Literary Society (constitution and bylaws, 1887). The files also contain a great many printed bulletins, programs, etc., and there are some photographs.



## B. ARCHIVES OF UNIVERSITY SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS.

These include the minutes and roll books of the Zetetic Literary Society (1885-1923, six volumes), and the treasurer's records of the same organization (1876 - 1903, six volumes). Other campus groups are represented by one volume of the minutes of the Southern Illinois Academy of Science (1876-1878, mutilated, with other entries); the fee book of the Christomathian Society, 1895-1896; an unidentified treasurer's book (1908?, mutilated); the minutes of the Forum Debating Society, 1926-1928; and record books of the Edwards County University Association (May-June, 1917) and the Alexander County University Association, 1916-1918.

## C. MISCELLANEOUS UNIVERSITY ITEMS.

These include comprehensive graduation examinations for seniors (1883, seven large manuscripts); diplomas issued to Delia Caldwell, 1878, and Dell A. Nave, 1883; and the Socratic Service Certificate of P. E. Hileman, 1884.

## D. THE CLINT CLAY TILTON MANUSCRIPTS.

These items were willed to the Library by the late Clint Clay Tilton of Danville, Illinois, and are a part

of the Tilton Collection of Americana and Lincolniana. Certain manuscripts are found in an envelope marked "E-2," which contains various letters and post cards addressed during the 1930's and 1940's to Tilton by such persons as Paul M. Angle, Harry E. Pratt, Benjamin Thomas, Mrs. Dorothy Teillard, *et al.* Included also are a few letters addressed to the late George Washington Smith of Carbondale. A drawer file contains various other items of correspondence, financial records, some items from Southern Illinois University Archives, and papers pertaining chiefly to the period of the curatorship of the Tilton Collection by Mr. Roy V. Jordan (now retired). Two rare items culled from the Tilton Collection are a certificate of the Revolutionary War service of Robert Rankins (June 15, 1785, signed by Patrick Henry) and a letter from Aaron Burr (1807, no specific date) to Thomas Taylor.

## E. MANUSCRIPTS IN THE WHITMAN COLLECTION.

These consist of seven letters and pieces, mostly addressed to Mr. Charles N. Elliott (1912-1945), and include communications from, among others, James Bryce, the English historian, John St. Loe Strachey, and Edward Everett Hale. (Housed in the Treasure Room.)

# III. PRIVATE PAPERS

## A. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MANUSCRIPTS.

1. THE RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE OF THE SOCIETY, 1939 to date. These papers include correspond-

ence of the president and of the secretary, financial records, etc.

2. THE LAWLER-CRENSHAW PAPERS, 1819-1884. This collection, a gift to the Society by Professor Jona-

than T. Dorris of Eastern Kentucky State College in 1952, consists of the papers of Major General Michael K. Lawler (1814-1882) and associated family papers from the Crenshaw Family (Lawler married a daughter of John H. Crenshaw). Both families lived near Equality in Gallatin County, Illinois. These papers have been microfilmed by the University Film Service and copies have been deposited in the Southern Illinois University Library and in the State Historical Library. The collection is organized under "Private Papers" and "Military Papers." The first category comprises various items pertaining to farming and other activities of the Lawler-Crenshaw families from 1819-1884. The second and most important part of the collection deals with Lawler's career as a volunteer captain in the Mexican War and his earlier militia experience, 1841-1848, and his later career as Colonel, Brigadier General, and Major General of Volunteers in the Civil War, 1861-1866.

Military orders, rosters, and correspondence make up the bulk of these papers. Various miscellaneous items, including maps, personal correspondence, and books and other printed items may also be found. The Lawler Papers are a significant collection on Civil and Mexican War history.

3. **THE WALLER MANUSCRIPTS.** These consist of three letter-box files of correspondence kept during the career of the late Mr. Elbert Waller (1870-1956), as member of

the Illinois House of Representatives during the years 1931-1941. The collection gives excellent information on the depression years. Most items are from incoming mail.

## B. OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL COLLECTIONS.

1. **MINUTES OF THE MERIDIAN TRUTH SEEKERS ASSOCIATION, 1892-1900; 1900-1904.** These comprise two volumes of minutes, including the constitution and financial records of a Pulaski County "spiritualist" group (Villa Ridge, Illinois).
2. **MINUTES OF LOCAL UNION NO. 4, FARMERS' SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC UNION, June 5, 1900—May 4, 1904.**

## C. MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PURSUITS.

1. **PAPERS PERTAINING TO GENERAL STORES, 1811-1886.** These comprise the following items:
  - a) **The Scrapbooks of Harriet Vance** kept on the daybooks of a general store at Grennsburgh (location unknown), 1811 - 1812. Miss Vance kept these two volumes as her scrapbooks in the 1840's, pasting printed items over the old record entries.
  - b) **Daybook of a General Store** kept at Whittaker's Mill, Missouri, 1817-1818, with miscellaneous entries for the period 1827-1851. Entries were kept by Miles C. Whittaker at Jonesboro, Illinois, for the later period.
  - c) **Ledger Book of a General Store**

at Jonesboro, Illinois, 1841-1856, operated by "Wiley and Frick."

- d) Account Book of a General Store at Liberty, Illinois, kept by John L. Walker, 1844-1846 (From the Ben L. Wiley Papers).
  - e) Ledger Book of a General Store at Shawneetown, Illinois, 1857-1859, kept by an unknown proprietor.
  - f) Journal of a General Store at Rockwood, Illinois, 1866-1867.
  - g) Account Book of a General Store at Lick Creek (Union County), Illinois, 1886-1888, with miscellaneous items dated as late as 1891.
2. OTHER BUSINESS RECORDS, 1850-1916.
- a) Account Book of an unknown blacksmith at Benton, Illinois, 1850-1852.
  - b) Daybook of a Lumber Business kept by F. L. Etherton, Carbondale, Illinois, March 27-September 18, 1897.
  - c) Ledger Book, covering the period of the 1890's and 1920's from the Etherton Family of Carbondale. Miscellaneous notes and items pertaining to James M. Etherton are included.
  - d) Stock Share Record Book of the Cedar Creek Cattle Company, Inc., for the year 1916. This book records shares of stock sold for that year. Receipts signed by James E. and James M. Etherton.
  - e) Letter Book of John C. Hall, April 4, 1902-November 28, 1910. Hall was a real estate agent,

located at McLeansboro, Illinois, and dealing in farm lands.

### 3. ACCOUNT BOOKS KEPT BY MEDICAL DOCTORS, 1885-1906.

- a) Account Books of J. Whitnel, M. D., New Burnside, Illinois, 1885-1892, four volumes, irregular books.
- b) Ledger Books of A. M. Lee, M. D., Carbondale, Illinois, 1893-1906, three volumes.

### 4. MANUSCRIPTS RELATING TO EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS, 1831-1896.

- a) Manuscript Arithmetic Text (evidently a teacher's manual), dating from October 24, 1831, and kept by Henry Schwartz, who was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, in 1809.
- b) Manuscript Arithmetic Texts kept by Miles C. Whittaker, two volumes, bearing the date October 16, 1832. These books are similar to the Schwartz book above.
- c) Manuscript Arithmetic Text of William Schwartz, dated April 28, 1847. This book is similar to the two above items, but contains some entries of financial accounts dated in the 1820's.
- d) Cash Book, District Treasurer, School District No. 6, Township 1, N. W., St. Clair County, Illinois, 1848-1902.
- e) Journal of the Board of School Directors, District No. 6, Township 1, N. W., St. Clair County, Illinois, 1848-1901.
- f) Petition to Divide a School District, District No. 1, St.

Clair County, Illinois, March 23, 1850.

g) Common School Register, 1892-1896, kept by B. F. Parker and E. H. Runkwitz. The location of this school is not indicated.

h) Teachers' Certificates, 1849-1860. Three certificates issued to Miss H. V. Parkinson of Madison County, Illinois, August 24, 1849; to Miss Martha J. Allington of the same county, August 1, 1848; and to Mr. Ben L. Wiley of Jackson County, Illinois, December 31, 1860. (The latter is from the Ben L. Wiley Collection.)

#### D. MISCELLANEOUS FAMILY PAPERS.

1. THE FRANK M. ALEXANDER COLLECTION, 1882-1941. This collection covers the active life of Mr. Alexander, who became a Presbyterian minister and who served in various southern Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma pulpits. Mr. Alexander was a graduate of the Class of 1883 at Southern Illinois State Normal University and attended the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Chicago and later the University of Oklahoma. The collection contains numerous letters received by Alexander and his wife over the period; various items pertaining to his controversy with Albert Kell, a nephew, over the renting of certain farm lands near Marion, 1925-1934; a number of poems, school essays and pieces written by Alexander and his wife, chiefly during their student days at the University of Oklahoma and covering the period 1882-1916 (in-

cluded is a copy of a letter from David Brown, a Cherokee Christian, to the Editor of *The Family Visitor*, dated September 2, 1825, this in Alexander's hand); a number of sermons, especially for the period 1900-1934; and other pieces (chiefly funeral orations) by Alexander for the period 1892-1906. Among the Alexander manuscripts are letters from Henry W. Longfellow to Alexander, dated February 19, 1881, and Oliver W. Holmes, Sr., dated March 7, 1881. This is a valuable collection for church history.

2. THE MONROE C. CRAWFORD COLLECTION, 1824-1919. These papers pertain to the career of the late Judge Monroe C. Crawford (1835-1919) of Jonesboro, Illinois. Items of personal and business correspondence may be found for the period 1841-1919, while the legal papers pertain to the period 1824-1885. A few family letters for the period 1858-1897 are also found, along with family photographs, newspaper clippings, old currency, and other miscellaneous items.

3. THE KENNEDY SCRAPBOOK, 1859-1911. This large book includes papers from both the Kennedy and Harwood families of Carbondale and Murphysboro. Most items pertain to George Kennedy (1859-1911), a graduate of Southern Illinois State Normal University, class of 1878, and city engineer of Murphysboro, 1904-1911. Some papers contained within the book pertain to George Kennedy, Sr. (died 1907), and date from the 1840's.



4. PLEASANT L. WARD PAPERS. These consist of two items from the Mexican War Period pertaining to Pleasant L. Ward, who was a commissary officer in the army. One is Ward's Expense Account, dated February 28, 1847, and based on claims for pay, subsistence, forage, and clothing for himself and his assistants. The other is a letter from Ward to his wife dated at San Antonio, Texas, March 8, 1847.
5. THE BEN L. WILEY PAPERS, 1858-1908. Wiley, a resident of near Makanda, Illinois, was a veteran of the Mexican War. He kept a diary of his experiences in that conflict which is still in the hands of relatives, and a copy of which is in the Tilton Collection. Letters in this collection fall within the period 1858-1879; financial and legal papers within the period 1863-1908.

# Manuscripts in the University of Chicago Library

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THE UNIVERSITY of Chicago Library is a young institution, but its manuscript collections have grown rapidly during its first sixty-five years; as a result, its manuscript resources now number over a million and a half pieces and cover a wide variety of subjects. The following account describes some of the principal manuscripts and collecting interests of the library, but it is necessarily brief and without detail. For additional specific information regarding the manuscript holdings, consultation of such general lists as the de Ricci and Wilson, *Census of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the United States*, presently undergoing revision, and the forthcoming *Guide to Depositories of Archives and Manuscripts*, to be issued by the National Historical Publications Commission, will be of assistance. The only printed catalog of the Library's collection, compiled by Edgar J. Goodspeed and Martin Sprengling (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1912), is very much out of date but may be of interest for the Library's earlier holdings. The best guides are, of course, the descriptions and finding aids prepared by the staff of the Library's department of special collections. These vary in

method and form according to the type of manuscript and the size or subject of the particular collection. They have not been published, but inquiries may be directed to the Curator of Special Collections, The University of Chicago Library, Chicago 37, Illinois. Photocopies of many of the Library's manuscript materials can be provided by the photoduplication department, which has extensive facilities for making microfilms, photostats, and other kinds of reproductions at nominal cost.

Soon after his call to the presidency of the newly founded University of Chicago, William Rainey Harper left for Germany in search of men and ideas for the new institution. While there he negotiated one of the largest acquisitions of books and manuscripts ever made by an institution of higher learning. He purchased the stock of the S. Calvary & Co., an antiquarian book firm in Berlin, and thus at one stroke established the University of Chicago Library in the early 1890's as one of the great libraries of its kind in the United States. In the rush of preparing the books for immediate use, the exact size of this purchase was never accurately determined, but it is known that the

Library numbered at least ninety thousand books, dissertations, and manuscripts.

The number of manuscripts included in this vast collection was relatively small, but this purchase was to set a pattern for the early building of Chicago's manuscript collections. They would come first as part of large collections of printed books which were immediately necessary to create a research collection. Occasional individual purchases of manuscripts were made but because of the urgent need to establish the book collections on a firm basis no special attention was given to planned building of the manuscript collections. However fortuitous their acquisition, these early manuscripts formed the nucleus of the University Library's collection of medieval and Renaissance manuscripts and in their own right were important additions to the Library's research collections.

The Calvary collection, or the Berlin collection as it is popularly called in the annals of the Library, yielded fifty-three manuscripts, most of them codices dating from the fifteenth century. From other large book purchases including the Hengstenberg, Ide, and American Bible Union collections other manuscripts were secured and by 1912, the date of the Goodspeed and Sprengling printed catalog of the University's manuscripts, ninety-nine items could be listed. Theological and classical authors predominated thus far in the Library's collection which included, for example, the works of Saint Bernard and Saint Jerome, a fifteenth century book of hours, Eusebius'

*Historia Ecclesiastica*, Aristotle's *Ethica*, Baldus de Perusio's *Concilia de Iure*, and Juvenal's *Satirae*. It was an interesting but relatively small collection with only a few of the manuscripts relating to modern political and literary history.

By 1912, however, the University Library was beginning to be the beneficiary of a number of important collectors and from them the manuscript collections received a great and sudden growth. The most significant gifts of manuscripts came from Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus who over a period of years donated a variety of manuscripts, including the renowned manuscript of Boccaccio's *Genealogia Deorum* and a 14th-century manuscript of Petrarch's *Sonnets*. Dr. Gunsaulus also donated to the Library his collection of Eugene Field books and manuscripts including Field's manuscript of *The Temptation of Friar Gonsol*. With Edward B. Butler, of Chicago, Dr. Gunsaulus gave the Library a noteworthy collection of autographs written principally by men famous in American history. Among them were five Washington manuscripts including some of his early surveys of the Potomac River, and the original of Thomas Jefferson's letter to Samuel Harrison Smith in which he offered his private collection of books to Congress after the destruction of the Congressional Library by the British, and thus re-created the Library of Congress. Letters of Jackson, Madison, Adams, and Lincoln were also in this very rich collection of some 160 manuscripts.

In 1913, the University purchased

its first major collection of manuscripts. For a number of years, Colonel Reuben T. Durrett of Louisville, the founder of the Filson Club, had been attempting to sell his large collection of Americana and Kentuckiana which he had collected over a period of fifty years. His library consisted of both a large collection of books and a great variety of manuscripts which covered a period from 1674 to 1900, with particular emphasis on the history of Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley. It included individual letters, diaries, collections of personal papers, official documents—almost any kind of source which Durrett believed would shed light on the history of Kentucky and the surrounding territory. After careful investigation the University purchased the collection from Durrett and thus began, on a rather grand scale, its manuscript collecting in the field of American history. There are approximately 2,800 miscellaneous pieces in the collection, many of them originating in the period of the late 18th and early 19th centuries when Kentucky was being settled and undergoing political development. The miscellaneous pieces include not only manuscripts of local character—letters, diaries, muster rolls, commercial papers, etc.—but also the correspondence of men such as Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson, Clark, and Wilson, whose importance was national. The transcripts of the Gardoqui dispatches are an especially valuable source for this period. Among the larger collections of personal papers within the Durrett Collection are those of Joshua Lacy Wilson, the

“old school” Presbyterian minister of Cincinnati; the John Lewis family, early Kentucky pioneers; Joel Tanner Hart, the Kentucky sculptor; and George Nicholas, the friend of Jefferson and Madison, who was a leader in the Kentucky constitutional convention of 1792. These manuscripts supplemented thirty thousand volumes of books and newspapers which were also part of the Durrett purchase.

In the 1920's, the growth of the manuscript collections received new impetus from the expansion of research programs at the University in the humanities and the social sciences, and the collections began to achieve a scope and depth that would sustain a variety of research programs over a long period of time. The new collections of manuscripts varied in subject and in period from large groups of medieval manorial documents to the holographs of modern poets. Special funds became available either by gift or from appropriations for special research then underway. This development of the manuscript resources coincided with a similar development of the book collections, for it was evident that the ultimate usefulness of manuscripts depended in large part on the availability of the collateral printed sources.

One of the important benefactors of the University during the thirty years of its history until 1920 was Martin A. Ryerson. During the decade of the twenties his interest made possible the acquisition of a number of significant medieval manuscript codices as well as a collection whose importance to scholarship is



still being heavily explored today. In 1929, Ryerson purchased for the University Library one of the 81 extant manuscripts of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, this manuscript being the only manuscript of the *Tales* in an institution of higher learning in the United States. It was fitting that this particular manuscript should come to the Library at that time, for Professors John M. Manly and Edith Rickert were then in the midst of their monumental research establishing a critical text for the *Tales*. For this task they acquired, with funds from the bequest of Frederick Ives Carpenter, the photostatic reproductions of all extant manuscripts and manuscript fragments of the *Tales* that today form part of the Library's manuscript resources. Coincidental with the editorial work on the *Tales*, Manly and Rickert, with their research team, began the collection of sources for Chaucer's life, known as the Chaucer Life Records. From an assiduous culling of all likely sources in English libraries and manuscript depositories Manly and Rickert gathered a large store of documents, in photostat and transcript, which not only threw new light on Chaucer but also created a collection of unusual sources for the study of English life in the late 14th and early 15th centuries.

It not infrequently happens that a manuscript or manuscript collection acquired with a specific purpose in mind in due course outlives the original intent but attracts new, perhaps even greater interest for other purposes. This occurred in another acquisition for which Mr.

Ryerson's generosity was responsible, the collection of muniments of the family of Sir Nicholas Bacon, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal under Elizabeth I. After the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539, some forty manors of the great monastery of Bury St. Edmunds passed into the hands of Sir Nicholas, and with the lands he received the records pertaining to this property. When these were acquired by the Library in 1924, the possibilities of utilizing the collection of several thousand deeds, letters, manorial rolls, and other documents, dating from about 1200 to 1750, for linguistic and paleographic study was immediately apparent, especially to the scholars working on the Chaucer projects. Nor was the importance of the collection for English social and economic history underestimated, for soon after its purchase Sir William Beveridge used it for his studies of wages and prices in England. But not until recent years has the collection been used actively for serious historical study at the University. Although scattered specimens and small collections of such manorial documents exist elsewhere in the country, only two collections are of comparable scope in terms of size and continuity, and the Library's collection is the only one of its kind in an American University.

Mr. Ryerson was not alone in his generous philanthropy. In the 1920's an alumna of the University, Miss Shirley Farr, established a fund for the purchase of manuscripts in the memory of her father. From this fund upon recommendation of a

committee of members of the faculty, the Library acquired an unusual selection of twenty-one manuscripts. Two of the manuscripts of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries are of Guido de Columna's romance of chivalry, the *History of the Destruction of Troy*, one of the most widely read "Chansons de geste" in which the heroes of the Iliad became knights of the period of the Crusades. The Library also acquired fifteenth century manuscripts of Boccaccio's *Teseide*, his most celebrated epic poem, and the *Fiammetta* in which he writes of his passionate love for Maria d'Aquino, a young married woman who is the real Fiammetta. Among the most beautiful illuminated manuscripts in the Library's collection are two purchased with the Farr funds: a French *Horae* written about 1470 and a French manuscript of about 1365 of Jacques de Cessoles' allegorical romance, *The Game and Play of Chess*. Another item of literary interest is a fifteenth century Italian manuscript of Dante's *Divine Comedy*. But the Farr fund was not limited to the acquisition of literary manuscripts; among the more interesting nonliterary items received by the Library were a manuscript of Richard Fitzneale's important description of the English exchequer of the late 12th century; a collection of official ordinances for Guadalajara, Spain, governing trade during the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella; a *Grundbuch* or rental detailing the ownership and transfer of land in a section of Austria from 1477-1517; a manuscript containing four medieval works on lexicography; and a collec-

tion of 68 manuscript fragments (10th to 16th centuries) mostly extracted from bindings for use as examples in paleographical study.

During the 1920's the Library also received significant additions to its medieval and Renaissance collections from a group of alumni. These included such beautiful as well as textually-important works as Roger of Waltham's *Compendium Morale*, Justinian's *Novellae Constitutiones*, written in Bologna in the middle of the thirteenth century, and an early twelfth century manuscript of the miracles of the Virgin. With this group also came a thirteenth century scientific treatise representing the monastic teaching of science and some sermons. Five centuries ago it was housed in the Library of Meaux Abbey, a Cistercian house in Yorkshire, and this particular fact led to its recent inspection by a scholar since this was the only manuscript in this country which could be positively established as being once in Meaux Abbey. This investigator was not concerned with the scientific treatise or the sermons that the volume contained, but as an expert in the history of the English carol he was interested in Meaux because in England an entirely different manuscript had recently been discovered which was of the greatest importance in the history of the English carol. Upon inspection of Chicago's small volume he found, used as the flyleaves, fragments of polyphonic music of the early 13th century which are very rare and important documentation for the early history of music. Thus an

inspired scholarly guess resulted in a truly significant discovery in a manuscript which it had been the Library's fortune to receive some thirty years before through the assistance of the University's alumni.

As the collections of medieval and Renaissance manuscripts grew, manuscripts of the modern period were also being acquired. The papers collected by William H. English, United States Senator from Indiana and historian of the old Northwest, were deposited in the Library to supplement the holdings of the Durrett Collection. English had gathered a variety of manuscripts relating to the early history of Indiana and the surrounding area, including letters of the early governors of the state. Other collections of manuscripts, chiefly of the 19th century, included the papers of Elijah Grant, a Fourierite reformer of Ohio and Kansas during the middle of the century; Fielding Lewis' plantation records for his property along the James River in Virginia; papers of America's pioneer physician, Dr. William Beaumont, frontier physiologist who first studied the digestion and movement of the human stomach in a living man; and the political and family papers of Wyndham Robertson, Virginia's twentieth governor and leader in the Whig party who played an influential role among the moderate political factions in that state before the Civil War. These are some of the larger American historical manuscript collections acquired through the middle of the 1930's; however, the most significant single acquisition of nineteenth century American polit-

ical manuscripts was the collection of fifteen thousand letters written to Stephen A. Douglas during his career in the United States Senate. This voluminous mass of correspondence has served as the major source for the principal political biography of Douglas, but because of its broad representation of letters from all manner of politicians prior to the Civil War it remains a chief primary source for the political history of the 1850's.

The Douglas papers were purchased as an adjunct to the Lincoln collection of William E. Barton which had been acquired in the early 1930's. The Barton collection contained a small but important collection of miscellaneous manuscripts laid against the background of the Civil War. The lack of Lincoln manuscripts was soon corrected by the acquisition of a relatively small but highly valued collection called the Hannah collection. Among the unusual Lincoln manuscripts included in this purchase was a fragment from the young Lincoln's sum book, written about 1825 and the earliest known writing of Lincoln; another early Lincoln document, a promissory note signed by him in 1832, one of the earliest business documents signed by Lincoln; an early, long letter of Congressman Lincoln to his wife, written during the year 1848; and a printed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by Lincoln and Seward.

Various European collections were also being acquired. The letters of Cecilia Bohl de Faber, the Spanish romantic novelist of the 19th century who wrote under the pseudonym of

Fernan Caballero, were one addition. British history was represented by collections of letters of such politicians as Charles Godolphin (17th century); Welborne Ellis (18th century); Robert Walpole (18th century); and that fire-brand Irish politician of the 19th century, Charles J. P. Mahon, known as The O'Gorman. A strong interest in Lafayette developed at the University in the late 1920's and some 250 letters were acquired over the years to establish the Library's holdings of Lafayette manuscripts as one of the richest in the country.

In the 1930's the Library received as a gift from Harriet Monroe, the founder and editor of Chicago's famous *Poetry* magazine, her letters and records of almost twenty-five years. Within this vast collection of 25,000 pieces, documentation for some of the most important developments in the history of modern poetry can be found. Her extensive and often intimate friendship with poets such as Ezra Pound, John Gould Fletcher, Amy Lowell, Edgar Lee Masters, Vachel Lindsay, Carl Sandburg, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and others are recorded in the correspondence. Among the important works of these poets which were first published in *Poetry*, manuscripts of the following poems are preserved in the collection: T. S. Eliot's "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," Ezra Pound's "Three Cantos," Carl Sandburg's "The Windy City," and Robert Frost's "The Witch of Coos." Harriet Monroe's gift covered the correspondence from the founding of *Poetry* in 1912 to the year of her death, 1936, but in 1953 the Library

acquired the subsequent editorial correspondence of the magazine with provision for the addition of future records, thus assuring a continued record of America's most influential magazine of poetry.

From the time of its establishment there has been in the University a strong interest in New Testament studies. With the acquisition of the Hengstenberg collection the Library acquired its first New Testament manuscript, the Hengstenberg Harmony. After the acquisition of four other New Testament manuscripts and fragments, no other New Testament manuscripts were received until 1929. Then, in a two-year period, the Library's collection was increased by fifteen additional manuscripts and thereafter the Library's New Testament collection grew in almost annual investments until today it includes 67 Greek, Syriac, Armenian, and Latin manuscripts. Many of the manuscripts not only are priceless art objects because of their rich Byzantine miniatures, but being unknown previously to scholars, many are of great importance for textual study. The manuscripts have been given names which reflect their romantic past, the peculiarity of their contents, or the generosity of their donors: there are the "Gospels of the Fluting Shepherd," named for one of its quaint marginal illuminations; "The Lectionary of St. Menas," the wonder worker, named because of its probable origin in the Monastery of St. Menas on Cyprus; a beautifully illuminated Armenian Gospels known as the "Ganjasar or Red Gospels" because of the heavy use of red in



the illumination; and the Rockefeller-McCormick New Testament, hailed as one of the great art objects of America, named for its previous owner. The development of this collection has been carefully nurtured over the years by Professor Emeritus Edgar J. Goodspeed and has been named in his honor.

Within more recent years the Library's manuscript collections have continued to grow along the broad lines described above. Two new fields in which the Library has placed special emphasis are world peace and the political consequences of the discovery of atomic energy. The former interest dates back to the acquisition of the Salmon O. Levinson Papers in 1939. Following the Treaty of Versailles, Levinson, a Chicago lawyer, was determined to find some way to establish permanent world peace. During the 1920's his efforts culminated in the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact. Nearly every American public figure active in the sphere of international relations during the 1920's and 1930's is represented in this collection of over 40,000 pieces. More recently, the deposit of the papers of the Committee to Frame a World Constitution and the World Citizens Association bring this theme up to date. Closely allied to the subject of world peace if not at the core of the problem today are the consequences of the first controlled release of atomic energy under the stands of the University's Stagg field in 1942. Soon after this momentous achievement it was the scientists themselves who perhaps more fully than others realized the

political as well as military implications of the unleashed atom. In leaving the laboratory for the political arena the atomic scientists attempted through various organizations to inform the public of the great change that atomic energy had made in the world and to warn it of the dangers of its misuse as a political and military weapon. The papers of three of the most influential of these groups have come to the Library and form a source for the history of the postwar impact of science on the world scene. These organizations are the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, the Atomic Scientists of Chicago, and the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists.

Frank O. Lowden's career as Governor of Illinois, prominent Republican of national influence, and advocate of scientific farming, is reflected in his voluminous correspondence, preserved as part of the Library's manuscript resources of contemporary politics.

Recently added to our collections of earlier manuscripts are three collections relating to post-revolutionary France, the gifts of William M. Spencer of Chicago. They are a collection of fifty military letters of Napoleon Bonaparte to his Minister of War, General Henri Clarke; the correspondence of a French priest who during the late 1790's served as a Royalist spy in France; and a collection of 225 letters of various men of affairs in France during the late 18th century. Included in this latter collection is a letter from Napoleon to one of his brothers announcing his marriage to Marie Louise of

Austria in 1810.

Another important group of manuscripts which have general significance is housed in the University Archives, which was established in the Library to preserve the records of the University. Although they are primarily valuable for the history of the University and of scholarship, these papers of members of the faculty throw light on many fields of endeavor. Among the extensive collections of

personal papers in the Archives are those of John Dewey; Robert Herrick, the novelist; Samuel N. Harper, the Russian historian who collected a vast amount of firsthand information on Russia which is included in his papers; Hermann Eduard Von Holst, one of America's foremost historians; George Herbert Mead, the philosopher; William Vaughn Moody, the playwright, and Robert Morss Lovett, novelist and social reformer.

# University of Illinois Library

## Manuscript Collection

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THIS DESCRIPTION of manuscript collections is limited to those housed in the general Library at Urbana; it does not discuss material in the Illinois Historical Survey, nor does it cover the University archives in the custody of the Library.

Perhaps the largest single collection of manuscripts now in Urbana was acquired in 1954 when the University of Illinois purchased the papers of the novelist, historian, and scientist, Herbert George Wells (1866-1946). The material includes a complete unpublished novel, family correspondence, many letters from contemporary writers, manuscripts and corrected typescripts of stories, and miscellaneous documents. Some of the important literary figures whose letters are represented are J. M. Barrie, Arnold Bennett, G. K. Chesterton, Joseph Conrad, Ford Madox Ford, John Galsworthy, George Gissing, Thomas Hardy, James Joyce, Rudyard Kipling, and George Bernard Shaw. Other personalities represented outside the field of literature are Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, T. E. Lawrence, and Franklin Roosevelt.

The writing of Wells and his family begin with a diary kept by his mother, Sara Wells, in 1845, and the collection includes correspondence written by Wells at every stage of his career.

The Wells manuscripts are at present in process of being sorted and indexed, and their full literary and historical significance can only be estimated. The Wells papers have already been found to contain all or part of the manuscripts and/or typescripts of forty novels; thirty-seven volumes of essays, short stories and social studies; and eleven pamphlet collections. Also, a large quantity of material relating to Wells' periodical publication has been sorted. The sixty thousand letters to and from the author will provide the raw material for several scholarly studies since Wells was in touch with virtually all important world figures of his time.

Publishers' archives are invaluable storehouses of information for the pursuit of nineteenth-century literary studies, and several groups of these have been brought to Urbana through the interest of the University's English department. Records of the house of Bentley, leading English

publishers of fiction during the last century, were acquired in two blocs in 1951 and 1952. The first group of manuscripts has been indexed under the direction of Professor Gordon Ray and includes more than 2,600 separate correspondences and more than 13,000 individual letters from the great and near-great of the English literary scene, addressed to their publisher. Included in the lot are business records, which will enable the researcher to study the day-to-day operations of the firm, and a number of authors' manuscripts. The most significant "find" in the latter category was the manuscript of Washington Irving's *The Alhambra*. Neither the University Library nor the English department had been aware that this significant item was in the collection. "The manuscript of *The Alhambra*, a little bundle tied up in ribbon, with the scrawled words 'Moorish Legends' as the only identifying words, remained unregarded among the Bentley papers until they were thoroughly sifted in Urbana." \*

In 1952 the library increased its holdings of Bentley material and added other publishers' records pertaining to the house of Grant Richards. One significant Bentley purchase was the twenty-one volume manuscript diary kept by George Bentley during his publishing career, about which a member of the University's English department has written, "The pages have a cumulative effect which would be a real help in the way of enlivening details and

filling in gaps. The accounts of visits with Rhode Broughton and Fanny Kemple . . . to mention only a few . . . provide a different kind of light than that which comes from the other documents I've seen." \* The other addition to the Bentley collection consists of two groups of manuscript letters written by different authors to the Bentley firm. The larger of the two groups contains 1,170 items by thirty-three authors, including such names as Charles Kingsley, Marryat, Merimee, and Maria Edgeworth. The second group consists of approximately three hundred letters written to Bentley by five women authors of the Victorian era. At the same time the Library acquired one hundred letters by the nineteenth-century Irish author Sheridan LeFanu. Grant Richards, a British publisher of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, was in touch with most prominent English men and women of letters from 1895 to 1930. The University of Illinois Library now possesses the fifteen quarto volumes in which he kept copies of all his letters written to authors, artists, and printers. A second bloc of manuscripts in the group includes about fifteen thousand letters written to Richards.

Another large collection of manuscripts, important to students of American history and literature, consists of the personal papers of Carl Sandburg purchased by the university in 1956. Not all of this material has been transferred from Sandburg's North Carolina home, nor have the

\* Gordon N. Ray, "The Bentley Papers," *The Library*, 5th ser. v. 8, September 1952, p. 185.

\* Annual Report of the Acquisitions Department, 1952-53, University of Illinois Library, p. 4.



manuscripts already in Urbana been fully studied. The initial and final drafts of several of his historical and biographical writings are in the library, and they occupy nearly one entire stack range. The many Sandburg poems in manuscript are of special interest. Sandburg revises and reworks his poems, and these drafts should be instructive to students of poetic composition. His correspondence with poets, statesmen, academicians, and admirers may prove to be the most useful portion of the Sandburg collection when it is available in Urbana. In it are letters from President Franklin Roosevelt in which he encourages Sandburg to stand for election as congressman from Michigan, notes from devoted admirers of all ages, and intimate letters from Robert Frost, Robert Sherwood, and other figures well known in public life. The complete file of Sandburg's correspondence will be valuable to the historian of Sandburg's era, and the manuscripts will enable him to study the operations of a creative American intellect.

Within the past few years numerous smaller groups of manuscripts have been purchased by the University Library for use by scholars on the campus. Most of these collections are the correspondence of writers, and it is anticipated that most of the manuscripts will be edited for publication by members of the University faculty. One of the more notable groups comprises 173 Browning items, including letters from Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Robert Browning to George Barrett, and ten manu-

scripts of Mrs. Browning's poems. According to Professor Ray, these manuscripts at the time of acquisition were the last important unpublished letters of the Brownings then in private hands and they include the most comprehensive Browning material uncovered for the period 1810 to 1889. Another group is made up of 141 autograph letters chiefly to or from William Allingham, the Irish poet, and his wife, artist Helen Patterson. The Allinghams were active in the Pre-Raphaelite movement and knew and corresponded with many of its principal figures.

Also represented in the Library are letters, journals, and unpublished literary works of Anthony Trollope; two collections of letters by William Butler Yeats and A. E. Housman; several groups of letters by Marcel Proust, now totaling over 400 pieces; and 109 letters by the German poet Rainer Maria Rilke. In 1953 the University of Illinois obtained one of the most complete assemblages of material in existence pertaining to William Cobbett (1762-1835), British and American essayist, agriculturist, politician, and journalist. The collection, including over one hundred autograph items in addition to 460 printed pieces, was formed over a thirty-two year period by the British bookseller, Arnold Muirhead. Manuscripts include letters regarding Cobbett's business affairs and the original draft of a title page in the author's hand of a work contemplated by him but left unfinished at his death. A valuable complement to the Library's holdings in seventeenth-century lit-

erature was received when the Clayton Papers were acquired in 1953-1954. The Clayton Papers contain some three thousand assorted letters and documents dating from 1579 to 1744, many of which are addressed to Sir Robert Clayton, a businessman who was Lord Mayor of London in 1678.

The greatest part of the Library's manuscript collections were obtained recently, and crowded conditions in the general library make it impossible

to bring them together in one location. Some of the manuscripts in the Library are administered by the Rare Book Room and others are in the custody of the English Library, but these materials will be brought together whenever adequate provision can be made for the Library's Rare Book Room. Inquiries about these and other manuscripts in the Library of the University of Illinois in Urbana should be addressed to the Rare Book Room Librarian.

# Manuscript and Local History Collections In Illinois: A Survey

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In September, 1957, the editors sent a questionnaire concerning manuscripts in Illinois to all public, college, and university libraries, and to a number of special libraries, historical societies, and private collectors in the state. The questionnaire was designed to serve three objectives: (1) to give a listing of manuscripts not previously appearing in printed bibliographies; (2) to indicate the degree of activity undertaken by public libraries to maintain local history collections; and (3) to stimulate interest in preserving local memorabilia.

Librarians, for the most part, took an active interest in the survey, and many of those having no specific information to contribute expressed interest in establishing a local history collection.

The lack of detail in many of the reports renders some of the information negligible, but we have printed even the barest information, keeping in mind the possibility that such entries might eventually lead to an undiscovered, yet valuable document. We have excluded from the following list book titles that were frequently given in librarians' reports—county histories being an example. Our purpose was, first, to list manuscripts and, second, to list local records, printed or otherwise, that are not likely to be found outside individual communities.

## Public Libraries

### ALTON

Henry J. Blasick, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given. (Material consists of pamphlets, clippings, manuscripts, letters, arranged in folders under headings.)

### BATAVIA

Mrs. Miriam H. Johnson, Librarian

Local History Collection

Itemized list:

Batavia history. Typewritten manuscript.

(Note: Batavia to have "historical room" in a new memorial community building, 1958.)

### BELVIDERE

Mrs. Jean Newcomer, Librarian

Local History Collection

Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

Dedicatory exercises, Ida Public Library, Belvidere.

Records of board meetings, Ida Public Library.

Local Women's Christian Temperance Union records, 1879-1912.

Files, Boone County honor roll.

Files, Women's Defense Commission.

Early History of Boone County and Belvidere for Young People, by Bessie Bowley. Typewritten.

## BROOKFIELD

Mildred L. Cutberth, Librarian

Local History Collection

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given.

## CAIRO

Mrs. Evelyn J. Snyder, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Number of items: two hundred

Arranged (partly).

Itemized list not given.

## CARBONDALE

Mrs. Fern Brewer, Librarian

Local History Collection

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

History of Carbondale. Thesis.

Plays

Carbondale centennial celebration, 1953.

Presbyterian Church centennial, 1954.

History, First Methodist Church centennial, 1953.

## CHARLESTON

Mrs. Corrola Ruggles, Librarian

Local History Collection

Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

Cemetery records. Cemeteries in or near Charleston in Coles County. Compiled by Sally Lincoln Chapter, DAR.



The War of the Rebellion and Coles County, by Gail L. Lathrop and Gerald G. Pierson.

Church records, First Presbyterian Church. Baptisms and deaths of members. Lois V. Hutchason, compiler.

City directories. Fifteen items.

Coles County Community Unit No. One, by Eloise R. Barger

Coles County Courthouse, by Harry Read.

History of Charleston until 1840, by Glen W. Mahley Jr.

History of Coles County Fair, by Jennie Fern Brown.

## CHENOA

Mrs. Aldine B. Elliott, Librarian

Local History Collection

Itemized list:

History of the City of Chenoa, by Henry Coonley.

## CHESTER

Ruth E. Gilster, Secretary of Library Board

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

Morrison, William

Account books from old Morrison store in Kaskaskia.

Diary from a mission in China.

Collection of poetry, mostly original. Handwritten.

Hamilton vs. Jefferson, Which? Manuscript, bound.

Collection of early books that the first settlers brought with them to Illinois and books given to library from private libraries.

## CHICAGO

Gertrude E. Gscheidle, Librarian

Manuscript Collection

Arranged (partly). Cataloged (partly).

Gifts only.

Bibliographies: List of Civil War collection appeared in catalog of exhibits in Grand Army Memorial Hall. Chicago, 1919.

Itemized list:

Civil War Collection

Military orders, dispatches, correspondence, documents, passes, certificates, muster rolls, etc. Sixty pieces.

## Diaries

William T. Humphrey, Fife Major, 101st Regiment,  
Illinois Volunteer Infantry, 1862-1865. One book.

LeRoy Van Horn, Musician, 18th Regulars, U. S. Army,  
June-December, 1863. One book.

## Ulysses S. Grant

Correspondence, 1862-1871. Ten pieces.

## Abraham Lincoln

Autograph indenture: Thomas and Sarah Lincoln and  
Abraham Lincoln, October 25, 1841. One piece.

Richard Realf, 88th Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry  
Poems and letters, 1862-1864. Six pieces.

## Pierre G. T. Beauregard, C. S. A.

Record of military endorsements, May 29-July 29,  
1861. One book.

## Daniel Ruggles, C. S. A.

Record of telegrams sent by General Ruggles between  
August 21 and October 23, 1862. One book.

## Grand Army of the Republic

Affidavits, correspondence, minutes, reports, etc., 1866-  
1887. Sixteen pieces.

## Charles Carroll Bonney Collection, 1892-1893

Papers and addresses, notebooks, letter books, and corre-  
spondence relating to the congresses held at the World's  
Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893. Fifty-nine boxes  
and eighteen packages.

## Typescripts of published works

Holt, Alfred Hubbard.

Hubbard's Trail. Chicago, Erle Press, 1952.

Korngold, Ralph.

Two friends of man. Boston, Little, Brown, 1950.

Contributions of written lessons to the Public Library of the  
City of Chicago, from the pupils of the public schools of the  
City of Chicago, 1873: Geography, Language, Mathematics,  
Natural Science. Four volumes.

## DANVILLE

Charles E. Haggerty, Librarian

Local History Collection

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given. (Subject classifications include local history,  
genealogy, and newspaper clippings.)

## DOWNERS GROVE

Mrs. Frieda Humphris, Librarian

Local History Collection

Cataloged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

History of Downers Grove, centennial, July 4, 1932. Manuscript history prepared by committee of local citizens; includes photographs.

History of Downers Grove, Illinois, from 1832-1873, by Edwin Pechous. Thesis, University of Illinois, 1956.

Old photographs, maps, graduation programs, etc.

## EAST MOLINE

Mrs. Mildred Schulz, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Number of items: eighty.

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

Diaries, 1863-1908. Edwin Warren family.

Picturesque Tri-Cities 1901-02. Twenty-two booklets.

Pictures

Early East Moline business establishments.

First city council.

Yearbooks of Woman's Club.

History of East Moline, compiled by librarian.

## ELMHURST

Ruth Strand, Librarian

Local History Collection

Number of items: three hundred.

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given. (Biographical data on local people.)

## FAIRFIELD

Lila L. Stonemetz, Librarian

Local History Collection

Number of items: one hundred.

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given.

## FLOSSMOOR

Mrs. R. M. Gaskill, Librarian

Local History Collection

Number of items: twelve.

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

History of Flossmoor, by D. Brumby.

History of Flossmoor, by Austine Stanley.

History of Thornton, Illinois, by Thornton Public Library.

History of Flossmoor Public Library and of The Friends of the Library.

Know Your Town, by League of Women Voters, 1939.

Pictures, clippings, etc.

## GALESBURG

Curtis Wynn, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Arranged. Cataloged. Housed separately.

Funds available.

Itemized list:

Local history

Annals of Our Village, 1873, by Mary Allen West.

Knox County Historical Society. Papers, pamphlets. Seventy-nine items.

Knox County Historical Society. Pictures of buildings and scenes in Galesburg and Knox County.

Private institutions

Knox College. Pictures, pamphlets of Knox College and Galesburg. 114 items.

Lombard College. Pictures, pamphlets. Fifty-three items.

Municipal governments

Municipal History of Galesburg, 1841-1932, by Fred R. Jelliff. Typewritten.

Genealogical papers of local families

Sylvannus Ferris. Memoir and genealogy, 1773-1861. Typewritten.

Diaries

Diary of J. E. Wetmore, 1836-1837. Typewritten.

Diary of Jerusha Loomis Farnham and Mrs. Eli Farnham, 1837-1838. Typewritten.

Handwritten sketch of the Norman Churchill home, 1839.



## Reports

Annual reports of Galesburg Cottage Hospital, 1950-1951.

Annual reports of Board of Education, 1946-47, 1950-51,  
1952-53.

Maps and layouts depicting city changes.

## Clipping files

General events, 1847-1941. Eight scrapbooks.

Biographical, 1892-1956. Six scrapbooks.

## GIRARD

Mrs. Ethel Weddle, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Cataloged

Gifts only

Itemized list:

## Genealogy

Brubaker family. Descendants of one man from Roanoke, Virginia, whose grandsons settled in Girard, 1864. Fifty-two page manuscript (not completed) compiled by Mrs. Ethel Weddle, Librarian, and Rev. Ralph Smeltzer, Elgin, Illinois.

## Biography

Life of Chester Melvin Vaniman, 1874-1912, of Virden, Illinois. Unpublished manuscript by Mrs. Ethel Weddle, Librarian. (Mr. Vaniman was the builder and engineer of the dirigible, "America," used in the Wellman expeditions to the North Pole and in the first attempt to fly over the Atlantic Ocean.)

## Maps

Map of St. Louis with complete street car system, 1904.

Map of ground plan of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Mo., 1904.

## GOLCONDA

Mrs. Nona Davis, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Arranged

Gifts only

Itemized list:

Pictures and biographical sketches.

Notes on the founding of Golconda Public Library.

Pictures of Settlement, by Sarah Lusk.

Thompson family genealogy.

**GRANITE CITY**

Mrs. Olive B. Stallings, Librarian  
Local History Collection  
Arranged. Housed separately.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list not given.

**GRAYSLAKE**

Mrs. Irene E. Grutzmacher, Librarian  
Local History Collection  
Housed separately.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list not given.

**HARRISBURG**

Mrs. Mary Jane Rice, Librarian  
Local History Collection  
Housed separately.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list not given.

**HEYWORTH**

Mrs. Mabel Delano, Librarian  
Local History Collection  
Cataloged.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list:  
City histories.  
Centennial book, 1956.

**HIGHLAND PARK**

Martha Bartlett, Librarian  
Manuscript and Local History Collection  
Number of items: 1,150.  
Cataloged. Housed separately.  
Funds and gifts.  
Itemized list not given. (Letters and papers of important persons,  
maps, public records, yearbooks, pictures, etc.)

**LIBERTYVILLE**

Mrs. Catherine Littler, Librarian  
Local History Collection  
Cataloged. Housed separately.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list not given. (Church histories, family histories, etc.)

## McLEANSBORO

Mrs. Josephine Miller, Librarian

Local History Collection

Arranged.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given.

## MARTINSVILLE

Ida H. Sanders, Librarian

Local History Collection

Arranged

Funds available

Itemized list:

History of Methodist Church

## MASCOUTAH

Mrs. Lethia Siebe, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

The Country Doctor, by R. F. Lischer, M. D.

This Is My Last Farewell, by Joyce Marie Worms.

As Time Goes On, by Peter Lill.

With Delight, poems by Pearl Polosky.

The One Hundreth Anniversary, 1943, St. John Evangelical  
and Reformed Church.

Centenary of the Bethel Methodist Church, 1841-1941.

Itinerary of trip through Europe, by Arah Alice Cannady.

Family Bibles, scrapbooks, clippings, etc.

## MELROSE PARK

Mrs. Clara Carew, Librarian

Local History Collection

Arranged. Cataloged.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

History, local. Manuscript (copy).

Important family history. Manuscript (copy).

Tornado disaster relief, 1920. Pamphlet.

Melrose Park history. Pamphlets, bound.

Photographs.

## MONMOUTH

Camille Radmacher, Librarian

Local History Collection

Cataloged.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given.

## MOUNT PULASKI

Florence Wynd, Librarian

Local History Collection

Arranged.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

Records and minutes

Mt. Pulaski Women's Literary Club and its successor, the  
Mt. Pulaski Library Club. From 1897 to present.

Programs

Mt. Pulaski Women's Literary Club, 1897 to 1903.

Ministerial Association, Decatur District Conference held  
at Mt. Pulaski, May 9-11, 1892.

Old Settlers annual picnic and reunion, Logan County,  
August 14, 1895.

Books

County histories, atlases, and centennial publication.

Photographs

Courthouse and courthouse square, 1886.

## MT. VERNON

Mrs. Mildred E. Metcalf, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Arranged. Housed separately.

Funds available.

Itemized list:

Pamphlets, manuscripts, pictures, etc., are bound.

Memorials, genealogies, letters, dedications, programs, etc., are  
filed and some microfilmed.

Maps, lithographs, newspaper supplements, and other rare items  
are microfilmed (as well as bound).

Records and minutes

Shakespeare Club, 1893 (originated public library).

Pioneer Organization, 1872 (members required to be resi-  
dents for fifty years in Jefferson County).

Jefferson County Teachers Association, 1858.

Home Literary Club of Jefferson County, 1882.



## OAK PARK

Lester L. Stoffel, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Housed separately.

Number of items: fifteen hundred.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given. (Maps, photographs, clipping file. Small collection of material by and about Ernest Hemingway. Card index to all newspapers published in Oak Park.)

## ORION

Florence D. Johnson, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Number of items: four hundred envelopes; fifty boxes.

Arranged. Cataloged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given.

## PARIS

Mrs. Nina D. Russell, Librarian

Local History Collection

Arranged.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given.

## PEORIA

William W. Bryan, Librarian

Local History Collection

Arranged. Cataloged.

Itemized list:

Detweiler, Henry

Diaries and commonplace books. Six volumes.

Fahnestock, Col. Allen L.

Diary, Civil War (copied from original book). Illinois infantry volunteers, 3rd brigade, 2nd division, 14th army corps.

Forsyth, John Robert.

Journal of a trip from Peoria, Illinois, to California in 1849.

Smith, Arthur Galusha

*Peoria in the eighties.* Tryon, N. C. 1944.

## PEORIA HEIGHTS

Mrs. Florence Fisher, Librarian

Local History Collection

Number of items: two hundred.

Arranged. Housed separately.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list not given.

## PONTIAC

Lois Farr, Librarian  
Local History Collection  
Arranged.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list not given. (City ordinances, city directories, county histories, newspapers, etc.)

## ROCKTON

Hilda Prag, Librarian  
Manuscript and Local History Collection  
Cataloged.  
Itemized list:  
Edson I. Carr  
The Carr Family Records embracing the record of the first families who settled in America and their descendants with many branches who came to this country at a later date.  
S. V. Talcott  
Talcott Pedigree in England and America from 1558 to 1876.  
Adaline Elizabeth Talcott  
Reminiscences of the early fifties. Essays written by Adaline Talcott to her father.  
Wait Talcott  
Petition to President Lincoln nominating Wait Talcott for postmaster of Rockford.  
Deed. Stephen Mack to H. N. Bates. Dated Sept. 18, 1843.  
Rockton Centennial Pageant, 1850-1950.

## ST. CHARLES

Lois V. Miller, Librarian  
Manuscript and Local History Collection  
Arranged. Cataloged. Housed separately.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list:  
A Hundred Years and More, original play of city's history.  
Settlement and Growth of St. Charles, by Alice Davis.  
Reminiscences of St. Charles, by Emily Shibley.  
St. Charles Industrial Development, comp. by Arnold Bailleu.  
County history, biographical directory, census report, newspapers, etc.

**SANDWICH**

Pauline Newton, Librarian  
Local History Collection  
Arranged. Housed separately.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list:  
Records  
G. A. R. post.  
Sandwich Woman's Club.

**SPARTA**

Mrs. Bess L. Brown, Librarian  
Local History Collection  
Arranged. Housed separately.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list not given. (Genealogical data on a number of families in Randolph, Perry, and surrounding counties. Four volumes, bound.)

**SPRINGFIELD**

Grace Gilman, Librarian  
Local History Collection  
Itemized list:  
Letters by Vachel Lindsay. Two items.

**SYCAMORE**

Mrs. Clela Harr, Librarian  
Local History Collection  
Arranged. Housed separately.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list:  
Records (secretaries' books) of G. A. R. Post.  
Newspapers, clippings, country histories, etc.

**URBANA**

Mrs. Eva Thayer Shively, Librarian  
Manuscript and Local History Collection  
Housed separately.  
Gifts only.  
Itemized list:  
An Historical Calendar of The Old and the New Town, 1775-1900. Urbana, [1907].  
Bond for \$500 for James Williams, librarian of Urbana Library Association, dated July 2, 1873.

- Bond for \$500 for librarian of Urbana Library Association, dated February 4, 1874, and signed by J. W. Fredenbur and J. A. Myers.
- Bond for \$200 for librarian of Urbana Free Library, dated July 6, 1874, and signed by S. H. Hook, S. L. Hook, and A. F. Hays.
- "Boys of '53" . . . Second reunion . . . May 5, 1911. Ten pages, illustrated.
- Browder, O. L. Our photograph album. Presented to the Half Century Club, November 4, 1954. Typewritten.
- Busey, Paul G. Early schools of Champaign County, [1932]. Typewritten.
- Busey, Paul G. History of Champaign County (written for school use by Paul G. Busey, Chairman, Champaign County Centennial Committee).
- Byerly, Julia M.  
In memoriam. 1898.
- Clark, Thomas Arkle  
The history of the First Presbyterian Church, Urbana, Illinois, 1856-1931. Privately printed, 1931. Forty pages.
- Cohen, Nat H.  
Memoirs, 1920. Typewritten.
- Cunningham, Joseph Oscar, 1830-1917  
Agency of the figure "9" in Illinois history. Urbana, 1909. Carbon copy.  
A few suggestions of facts in connection with the early history of the University of Illinois, otherwise the Illinois Industrial University. [1912]. Carbon copy.  
University of Illinois; stenographic notes of an interview. . . . Urbana, 1914. Typewritten.
- Dunlap, H. M.  
Letter to Allan Nevins from H. M. Dunlap in criticism of the chapters in his *Illinois* dealing with the history of the University of Illinois. 1917. Carbon copy.
- Daughters of the American Revolution  
Funeral home records, 1887-1917. Typewritten, bound.  
Tombstone inscriptions, Shiloh Cemetery, Newcomb Township, Champaign County, Illinois. Typewritten, bound.  
Marriage records of Champaign County, 1833-1873. Typewritten, bound.
- First Methodist Episcopal Church, Urbana.  
Calendar and directory, 1913.



**Fortnightly Club**

Sixty years of Fortnightly, prepared by Miriam Corrie, 1956. Typewritten.

**Gregory, John Milton, 1822-1898**

Programs of exercises in commemoration of John Milton Gregory at the University of Illinois, June 15 and 16, 1914.

**Half Century Club, Urbana.**

Half century club. Illus., ports.

**History of Urbana Free Library, 1916.**

Typewritten, no author given.

**Kankakee-Urbana Traction Company**

Descriptive booklet.

University route. Map on back of cover.

**Letters**

Urbana Library Association to City of Urbana listing the personal property to be turned over to the city, July 2, 1874.

Urbana Library Association turning over to the City of Urbana all its property in case the City Council shall pass an ordinance to maintain a free public library, [1874].

City Council of the City of Urbana from the Director of the Urbana Library Association asking that the City take over the library and maintain it, 1874.

Report of books taken out of the library, 1895. Handwritten. Miller, C. F.

A calendar of certain events in the history of Urbana, Champaign, and vicinity, with items listed in chronological order, 1819-1901.

**Robbins, Nell Hubbard**

History of First Baptist Church of Urbana, 1838-1938, by Mrs. Nell H. Robbins. Privately printed.

**Statement of the Urbana Plan to reopen banks, 1932.**

Attached to it is a Proclamation closing business establishment, signed by Reginald C. Harmon, Mayor of Urbana.

**Urbana Free Library**

General bond for \$300, signed by Ida Haines, librarian, and Frank G. Jacques as security. Dated Nov. 3, 1874.

**Urbana Library Association**

Treasurer's book, 1873-1874. Ledger, handwritten.

Certificate of incorporation, signed by the Secretary of State, Edward Rummell, and dated December 11, 1872. Attached to it are the Articles of Association. Handwritten.

Subscription book of The Urbana Library Association.

Contains names of subscribers and the amount they subscribed, dated December 17, 1872.

Bond for James A. Williams, librarian, dated July 2, 1873.  
Handwritten.

U. S. General Land Office

Grant of land to Stephen Boyd of Champaign County, Illinois, dated May 10, 1848.

Ware, James C.

Papers, correspondence, etc., 1863-1900.

Various clippings, photographs, Fourth of July, banquet programs, promotional booklets, letters, etc., 1897.  
Chataqua programs, Elks, Masons, Urbana High School, University.

## WAUKEGAN

Ruth W. Gregory, Librarian

Local History Collection

Number of items: one thousand

Arranged. Housed separately.

Funds available.

Itemized list not given. (Public records, annual reports—schools and city departments; Waukegan history—hospitals, library, institutions, etc.; Lake County history—hospitals, naval and military bases.)

## WAVERLY

Goldia M. Cluie, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Number of items: three hundred

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given.

## WINCHESTER

Mrs. Caroline C. Markillie, Librarian

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Number of items: fifty

Arranged. Cataloged. Housed separately.

Gifts (mostly).

Itemized list:

G. A. R. Minute book. Two volumes.

Winchester Woman's Club annuals, etc.

County histories, magazines, etc.

# College and University Libraries

## AURORA COLLEGE

Ethel W. Tapper, Librarian

Aurora, Illinois

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Number of items: two thousand.

Partially arranged.

Limited funds.

Itemized list:

The Jenks Memorial Collection of Adventual materials relating to the historical background and theology of the Advent Christian Church.

The Millerite Movement

Correspondence (1814-1849) of William Miller. Micro-filmed.

Sermons of William Miller.

Personal items, i.e., account book, "text" books, license to preach, etc.

The Advent Christian Church

Letters and papers of important persons.

Local history

Records of organizations and institutions.

Prophetic charts relating to various interpretations of

Biblical symbolism.

Pictures and clippings.

## CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Harvey Arnold, Librarian

5757 University, Chicago 37

Manuscript Collection

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

Records

Defunct Congregational churches in Chicago and surrounding area.

Letters

American Home Missionary Society (Congregational), dating from 1830-1895.

## ELMHURST COLLEGE

Jay W. Stein, Librarian

Elmhurst, Illinois

Manuscript Collection

Number of items: one thousand

Arranged (partly). Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given. (Letters and miscellanea relating to the Evangelical and Reformed churches and to the history of Elmhurst College.)

## ILLINOIS COLLEGE

D. C. Ritter, Librarian

Jacksonville, Illinois

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Number of items: twelve hundred

Arranged. Housed separately.

Funds.

Bibliographies: *Guide to Depositories*, Illinois Historical Records Survey Project, 1940, p. 26.

Itemized list (material added since 1940):

Beecher, Edward (first president of Illinois College).

Manuscript of an unpublished novel by Edward Beecher.

Manuscript of an unpublished biography of Edward Beecher.

Diaries

Two diaries of early students of Illinois College.

## ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Eleanor Weir Welch, Director of Libraries

Normal, Illinois

Manuscript Collection

Itemized list:

Augustine, Archie (1869-1947).

Letters, 178 items. Include letters from Governor Lowden, four; Governor Fifer, two; also letters dealing with United States plant patent law; etc.

Bromfield, Louis (1896-1956).

Letter, one item.

Bigelow, Ellen (1817).

Letter, typescript, 1835, one item.

Bryant, William Cullen (1794-1878).

Letters from, three items; letter to, one item.

Cather, Willa (1873-1947).

Letter, one item.



Cavins, Elmer (1864-1938).

Letters of World War I, 1919; six from England; twenty-seven from Beaune University; twenty-two from France.

Colby, June Rose (1856-1942), teacher, Illinois State Normal University.

Diaries, 1880-, nine items; account books, 1870's, sixteen items; letters, 1890's, fifty items; also poems, articles written in 1870's.

Cook, John Williston (1844-1922), president, Illinois State Normal University, 1890-1899.

Letter books, four items; letters to and from Cook, 1890-1899.

Davis, Judge David (1815-1886), jurist.

Microfile, courtesy of Willard L. King, Chicago; originals owned by Davis estate, Bloomington. Ten reels. Letter, one item.

Davis, David (1906-), Illinois State Senator.

Manuscript address given at Illinois State Normal University, June 8, 1957.

Dillon Papers.

Catalogs of Norman horses for sale, 1877-1885, at Normal, Illinois, farms; business letters, receipts, etc.; manuscript article on Norman horses in Illinois, one item.

Edwards papers: Richard (1822-1908).

Diaries, 1871-1947, of Richard and two daughters, sixty-five volumes; account books, three items; letters to Edwards and exchanged by Edwards family, two file drawers; sermons of Richard Edwards, 1873, one file drawer; manuscript address, and life of Edwards by daughter.

Ela-Rowell papers.

Letters from 1850-1880, 547 items. Letters written from McLean County, Illinois, and from Kansas, 1858-59, Kentucky and Vermont. Material on public schools, Eureka College, University of Michigan in 1860; Civil War letters. Diaries, 1851-1863, fourteen items. Original survey town of Hudson, Illinois.

Fairchild, Raymond W. (1899-1956), president, Illinois State Normal University, 1930-1955.

Letters and typewritten talks, two file drawers.

Fell, Jesse (1808-1887).

Letters written to Richard Edwards, 1871-1886. Fourteen items; post cards, four items. Manuscript memorial on his death by Richard Edwards.

Felmley, David (1857-1930), president, Illinois State Normal University, 1900-1930.

Scrapbook, one item. Correspondence, notebooks, manuscripts, one file drawer.

Garman, Samuel (1847-1927), scientist.

Letters, 1855, from Powell Long's Peak expedition to Mrs. Joseph Fifer. Four items.

Galsworthy, John (1867-1933).

Letters. Two items.

Guiterman, Arthur (1871-1943).

Letter. One item.

Harris, William Torrey (1835-1909).

Letters, May 17, 1869, and February 7, 1870, to Richard Edwards. Two items.

Harte, Bret (1836-1902).

Letter, 1877. One item.

Hovey, Charles (1821-1897), first president, Illinois State Normal University.

Letters, 1856, 1883, 1873. Three items. Family photographs.

Hovey, Richard (1864-1900), American poet born in Normal, Illinois.

Letter, 1894. One item.

Howe, Julia Ward (1819-1910).

Letters. Two items.

Inge, William Ralph (1860-).

Letter. One item.

Lincoln, Abraham (1809-1865).

Legal document, 1854. One page. (Gift from Governor Joseph Fifer.)

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth (1807-1882).

Letter, July 13, 1877. One item.

Lowell, James Russell (1819-1891).

Letter, July 13, 1877. One item.

Mahan, John H.

Typescript of trial for aiding underground railroad in Ohio, 1846. Ten pages.

Marshall, Helen E.

Letters from faculty, students, etc., of Illinois State Normal University on the university, received at time of University's Centennial.

Mason, Lowell (1792-1872).

Letter, January 9, 1867. One item.

Merwin, Loring (1906-), publisher, Bloomington *Pantagraph*.

Manuscript of address given at Illinois State Historical Society, 1957. One item.

Morley, Christopher Darlington (1890-1957).

Letter. One item.

Neihardt, John (1881-), American poet.

Letter, 1941. One item.

Phelps, William Lyon (1865-1923).

Letter. One item.

Procter, Edna Dean (1829-1923).

Letters, September 20, 1865, and November 10, 1865. Two items.

Republican Club of McLean County, 1860-1861.

Minutes. Eleven pages.

Reynolds, Abbie R.

Letters written during 1860-1863 as student at Illinois State Normal University—sidelights on local Civil War beginnings.

Reynolds, Samuel (1809-1883).

Diary 1834 of trip from Lexington, Massachusetts, to Pittsfield, Illinois. One item.

Salzsmann-Stevens, Madam Minnie (188?-1949), Wagnerian soprano of Bloomington, Illinois.

Diary, 1904-1906; photographs, clippings; letters written by and to; includes letters from DeRezke and Helen Keller.

Selley-Smith papers.

Letters of local McLean County interest, 1849-1894, including Civil War, University of Chicago 1894, Eureka College, 1860.

Accounts of Hudson, Illinois. 210 items.

Shaw, George Bernard (1856-1950).

Letter, 1930. One item.

Sinclair, Harold (1907-), author, Bloomington, Illinois. Manuscripts of published books. Four items.

Stevenson-Davis letters.

Letters written by Mrs. Lewis Stevenson, while in boarding school 1855-7, to H. O. Davis—mother and uncle to Elizabeth Stevenson Ives, donor of the letters. Forty-six items.

Stewart, G. R. (-1911).

Letters on teaching from the Philippines, 1909-1911. Eight items.

Tompkins, Arnold (1849-1905), president, Illinois State Normal University, 1899-1900.

Letter book. One item.

Trowbridge, John Townsend (1827-1916).

Letter. One item.

Whittier, John Greenleaf (1807-1892).

Letter, August 16, 1877. One item.

Young, Brigham (1801-1877).

Letters, 1867, to Gertrude Lewis (Mrs. Joseph Fifer). Type-scripts. Originals in Brigham Young Museum.

## LINCOLN COLLEGE

Mrs. William J. Stigall, Jr., Librarian  
Lincoln, Illinois

## Manuscript and Local History Collection

Number of items: three hundred

Funds and gifts.

Bibliographies: Some of the Presidential letters were listed in *The Sweep of American History*, compiled by Richard Harwell, 1957.

## Itemized list:

Letters of important persons, signed.

All of the presidents of the United States.

Men of the Civil War period.

Abraham Lincoln.

## Documents

Deeds to town lots.

Note to Abraham Lincoln.

Commissions.

Land patents.

Slave deeds.

Subscription list for a college at Lincoln.

## Broadsides

Relating to Abraham Lincoln.

Relating to the Civil War.

## Maps

Original map of Logan County, 1839

Original plat of Lincoln, Illinois.

Mitchell's map of Illinois, 1838.

## Record books

Faculty of Lincoln College, 1890's—.

Professor C. S. Oglevee, 1899.

Literary societies of Lincoln College.

## Manuscripts of literary writings of

Philip Van Doren Stern.

Robert Stanley Forsythe.

Pictures of Abraham Lincoln and contemporaries.

## MONMOUTH COLLEGE

Mrs. A. M. Bradford, Librarian  
Monmouth, Illinois

## Manuscript Collection

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

## Itemized list:

Most of the material is about Monmouth College which includes local history and mentions people who were active in establishing the college. The collection includes programs of literary societies from 1853 to date, record books of societies, old letters, photographs, and yearbooks, dating from the beginning of the college.

The college has a private collection of nine books of diaries of the Civil War; they were written by John H. Bradford from Viola, Mercer County, Illinois. John Bradford was in Company A, 30th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers. The diaries are owned by Mrs. John H. Bradford, 710 E. Archer Ave., Monmouth, Illinois. The diaries are:

- Book 1 Cairo, Illinois, Sept. 16, 1861
- Book 2 Camp near Oxford, Miss., Dec. 8, 1862
- Book 3 Camp on Lake Providence, La., March, 1863
- Book 4 Siege of Vicksburg, March 23, 1863
- Book 5 Vicksburg, Miss., Aug. 20, 1863
- Book 6 Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 1, 1863
- Book 7 Clifton, Tennessee, May 2, 1864
- Book 8 Near Atlanta, Georgia, Oct. 1, 1864
- Book 9 Washington, D. C., May 27, 1865 to discharge

## MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE

Bernard R. DeRemer, Archivist

820 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 10

Manuscript Collection

Arranged.

Funds. Gifts.

Bibliographies: *An Annotated Bibliography of D. L. Moody*, compiled by Dr. Wilbur N. Smith. Chicago; Moody Press, 1948.

## Itemized list:

Several thousand pieces relating to evangelistic campaigns in this country and abroad, to founding and work of the Institute and of Moody Church, and to book publication and distribution.

D. L. Moody

Letters, 1859-1899. 743 pieces.

Letters to F. G. Ensign. Forty-one copies.

Sermon notes. Ten sets, handwritten.

Two recordings of his voice.

Other papers relating to the Institute and Moody's evangelistic activities include correspondence with and reference to such famous persons as John V. Farwell, Cyrus H. McCormick.



## Moody family

Mrs. D. L. Moody. Five letters.

Correspondence and other papers.

## Dr. C. I. Scofield, Bible teacher, author, and editor of Scofield Reference Bible.

Sermon notes. 352 sets, handwritten.

Address at Moody's funeral.

Miscellaneous MS outlines for lectures, classes, or writings.  
214 pieces.NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE LIBRARY AND EVANGELICAL  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Ruth Kraemer, Director

320 E. School, Naperville

## Manuscript Collection

Cataloged (translations).

Housed separately (German Ms. in Seminary; translations in library).

Gifts only.

Bibliographies: Guide to Archives and Manuscripts in the United States.

Itemized list:

German MS and translations of

Day book by Rev. John Dreisbach, 1813-1817.

Autobiography and letters of Matthew Guhl.

Journal of the Rev. Joseph Harlacher, 1832-1833.

Journal of Bishop John Seyber, 1820-1859.

Diary of Rev. Jacob Schaeferle of the Illinois conference, 1853-1862.

Diary of Rev. J. Wesley Loose, 1871-1876.

Sermons of Christian Staebler. Two notebooks, typewritten, bound.

## NORTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Ruth M. Gray, Librarian

3040 Washington, Chicago 12

## Manuscript Collection

Number of items: one hundred

Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given. (All material relates to the Norwegian Baptists.

It includes pictures, letters, minutes of annual meetings, diaries.)

## ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY

Mrs. Marjorie C. Keenleyside, Librarian  
Roosevelt University, Chicago

## Manuscript Collection

Number of items: eighty-five

Housed separately.

Gifts only.

## Itemized list:

## Tibor Heisler Collection

d'Albert, Eugene, pianist and composer.

Holograph letter in German, signed, 1893.

Bandemer, Susanne, German writer.

Holograph letter in German, signed, 1893.

Collalto, Reimbold, Graf von, diplomat and general.

Holograph letter in Italian, signed, 1916.

Dumas, Alexandre, fils, French writer.

Holograph letter in French, signed.

Ernst I, Herzog von Steiermark, father of Kaiser Friedrich III.

Deed on parchment, in German, with his signature and seal,  
1412.

Ferdinand I, Kaiser (1503-1564), Brother of Charles V.

Illuminated document in German, with his signature.

Franz Joseph I, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary.

Document printed in Latin, bearing his signature, 1901.

Friedrich Wilhelm II, King of Prussia (1786-1797).

Lot of six diverse documents, two holograph letters, in  
German and French, signed.

Joseph II, (1741-1790), Emperor of Rome and Germany.

Holograph letter in German, signed, 1775.

Kienzel, Wilhelm, German composer.

Holograph letter in German, signed; together with two  
postcards, 1896, and two poems, one by him and one by  
his wife.

Klapka, George, general and leader of the Hungarian Revolution, 1848, and one of the world's great fighters for the cause of freedom.

Lot of nine holograph letters in German and French, signed.

Kossuth, Lidwig, political of the Hungarian Revolution, 1848.

Holograph letter in English, signed. Engraved portrait.

Lavater, Johann Kaspar, German writer (friend of Goethe's youth).

Holograph poem in German about Jesus' healing a wretched woman, signed, 1796.

Lindau, Paul, German writer.

Partial manuscript of short story in German: "Alfred de Musset and George Sand in Venice"; together with two holograph letters in German, signed.

Louis le Grand, Commission in French, 1766.

Maria, Queen of Hungary, wife of Ludwig II.

Letter in German, with her signature, 1558.

Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Felix (1809-1847), German composer.

Manuscript composition, "Lied ohne Worte," together with holograph letter German, signed, 1844.

Renan, Ernest, French writer.

Holograph letter in French, signed, 1860.

Rudolf II, Roman-German Kaiser (1552-1612).

Letter in German, signed, 1579.

Schleiermacher, Friedrich Ernst Daniel, German theologian and philosopher.

Holograph letter in German, signed, 1819.

Sophie, Queen of the Netherlands.

Holograph letter in German, signed, 1872.

Tisza, Stephan, Graf von, Hungarian statesman.

Letter in Hungarian, signed, 1912.

Turgot, Anne Robert Jacques, Baron de l'Aulne, French statesman and political writer.

Letter in French, signed, 1774.

Uhland, Ludwig, German poet.

Fragment of manuscript in German, signed, 1841.

Unknown.

Three documents on parchment with hand-illuminated inscriptions in Latin, various dates.

Victoria, Empress of Great Britain and Ireland.

Letter of pardon in English, with her royal seal and her signature at the head, 1840.

Wellington, Arthur Wellesley, Duke, English field marshal.

Holograph letter in English, signed, 1837.

Wilhelm II, German Kaiser and King of Prussia.

Certificate in German, signed, 1906.

Zille, Heinrich, German artist.

Two holograph postcards in German, signed, 1919 and 1920.

Miscellaneous holograph letters in German and French, signed, various places and dates.

Bruch, Max, German composer.

Defregger, Franz, German artist.

Lindpaintner, Peter Joseph v., German composer.

Marschner, Heinrich, German composer.

Masse, Victor, French composer.  
 Puccini, Louis Alexandre, Italian composer.  
 Rebel, August, German political leader.  
 Spontini, Gasparo, Italian composer.  
 Turgeniev, Ivan S., Russian writer.  
 Wagner, Siegfried, German composer.  
 Weingartner, Felix von, German director and composer.  
 Zola, Emile, French writer.

Miscellaneous holograph letters in German, Hungarian, and English,  
 signed, various places and dates.

Bierbaum, Otto Julius, German writer.  
 Jaszi, Oskar, Hungarian composer.  
 Lieberman, Max, German artist.  
 Mann, Thomas, German novelist.  
 Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Paul, German banker.  
 Ram-Mohun-Roy, Indian philosopher.  
 Roentgen, Wilhelm Conrad, German scientist.  
 Schlegel, Dorothea von, widow of Friedrich von Schlegel, nee  
 Mendelssohn.

Miscellaneous holograph letters in German and French, signed,  
 various places and dates.

Auber, Daniel Francois Esprit, French composer.  
 Beriot, Charles Auguste de, French violinist.  
 Brod, Max, German writer.  
 Busoni, Ferruccio, Italian composer.  
 Ewers, Hans, German writer.  
 Korngold, Erich Wolfgang, German composer.  
 Lehar, Franz, German composer.  
 Liebknecht, Wilhelm, German political leader.  
 Max, Gabriel, German painter.  
 Menzel, Adolf, German painter.  
 Panseron, Auguste, French composer.  
 Thalberg, Sigismund, pianist and composer.  
 Zichy, Michael von, German painter.

## RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE

Frida Pliefke, Librarian  
 Manuscript Collection

Itemized list not given. (Pertains to history of Rush Medical College  
 and to early faculty members.)

# Special Libraries

## ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

Ruth E. Schoneman, Librarian

Michigan Boulevard at Adams Street, Chicago 3

### Manuscript Collection

Bibliographies: De Ricci, Seymour and Wilson, W. J., *Census of Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the United States and Canada*, New York, H. W. Wilson, 1935. Vol. 1, pp. 513-518. (For portion of Art Institute collection.)

### Itemized list:

#### Ryerson Library

##### Letters

George Washington to Earl of Buchan, May 26, 1794.

George Washington to Alexander White, December 8, 1799.

Benjamin Franklin to Mr. Bingham, October 4, 1779.

Minutes of Society for the Advancement of Truth in Art, 1863-1865. 55 holograph pages. Peter B. Wight, Secretary.

#### Burnham Library

##### Sullivan, L. H.

20 drawings and holograph of his "System of Ornament."

2 other holographs.

7 typescripts.

9 sheets of working drawings of ornamental plasterwork in Auditorium Building.

Sketches—Boston, Paris, Chicago, 1868-1885. 56 on 46 sheets.

##### Letters

Sullivan to Burnham concerning the Transportation Building of the World's Columbian Exposition, November 11, 1893.

Charles Whittaker-Sullivan, January 17, 1922-February 4, 1924. 52 items.

Copybook of business letters, April, 1903-January 9, 1905.

##### Burnham, D. H.

Diaries, 1895-1909. 15 volumes.

##### Letters

Copybook of business letters, November, 1890-1912. 17 volumes.

Copybook of private letters, January, 1901-December, 1902. 3 volumes.



McKim, Mead and White

Copybook of letters concerning the World's Columbian Exposition, February 11, 1890-April 4, 1893.

Shaw, Howard Van Doren

Copybook of business letters, July 23, 1896-July 11, 1901.

Chicago Architectural Archives

Microfilm. 23 rolls containing over 6500 frames of architectural drawings of early buildings of the Chicago area and of documents pertaining to them. See: *Society of Architectural Historians* 11:27-8, March, 1952—Chicago architectural heroes filmed; microfilm project in Burnham Library.

Original records (primarily working drawings and blueprints.)

Department of Prints and Drawings

Illuminated manuscripts: 13 books, 7 fragments, 15 single pages, about 100 cut-out initials and borders.

## CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Freida Kraines, Records and Library Superintendent

425 East 14th Boulevard, Chicago 5

Local History Collection

Arranged. Housed separately.

Itemized List:

Chicago Park District records from creation (1934) to date. Arranged by department and include all aspects of park work in addition to the official minutes and proceedings of the Board of Commissioners, Civil Service Board, reports, etc.

Superseded Park Districts. Official documents and some operating ones. These districts went out of existence in 1934. They were Albany, Calumet, Edgebrook, Edison, Fernwood, Forest Glen, Hollywood, Irving, Jefferson, North Shore, Northwest, Norwood, Old Portage, Ravenswood Manor Garden, Ridge Avenue, Ridge, River, Sauganash, West Pullman.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTERS OF CHICAGO

Abe Vinik, Assistant General Director

32 West Randolph Street, Chicago 1

Local History Collection

Number of items: 100.

Itemized list:

Annual reports.

Files of agency publications.

Photographs of activities.

Financial reports.

Studies of population and communities.

## MIDWEST INTER-LIBRARY CENTER

Helen B. Schmidt, Assistant Director

5721 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago 37

### Manuscript Collection

Arranged. Housed separately.

Itemized list (does not include all materials at Center):

Business prospectuses, approximately 1500, for the issue of bonds, common stock, preferred stock, and debentures; 1940-1953, some 1930's. Represent more than 200 companies.

CCC Camp. Mimeographed news sheets issued at Civilian Conservation Corps camps, under U. S. Department of the Interior, during 1930's. 110 shelves, arranged by CCC company. Title catalog on cards.

Corporation reports. Registration statements, prospectuses, and annual reports of corporations from 1935 to 1945, originally filed with the Midwest Stock Exchange (Chicago) by the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington. The reports contain much information (e.g., sales of securities) not in the published annual reports of the corporations. The materials in the collection are not elsewhere available except in the SEC office in Washington and in its West Coast depository. More recent materials are turned over to the Center from time to time by the Midwest Stock Exchange. The present collection fills about nine file drawers.

Insurance company reports. Detailed manuscript annual reports submitted, according to law, to the Illinois Department of Insurance by all insurance companies doing business in that state. Considerably more information than in published annual reports. Approximately 15,000 reports, representing hundreds of companies. Chiefly since 1930.

Radio broadcasts: scripts and reports.

Miscellaneous foreign broadcasts, August, 1939-March, 1945, as monitored by Columbia Broadcasting System. Mostly typewritten. 63 pamphlet boxes.

U. S. *Daily Reports of Foreign Radio Broadcasts*. 1942 to date. Mimeographed and on microfilm. These are summaries, excerpts, and verbatim texts from selected, current foreign radio broadcasts and press transmissions. Complete set of consolidated reports from 1947 to date (on microfilm from

1952). Almost complete for period November, 1942-May, 1946.

Other. Files of the *Radio Report of the Far East* and of the *Daily Shortwave Broadcasts*, 1942-1945, with some issues missing. Also early and miscellaneous supplementary reports of the Broadcast Information Service.

Microfilm copy of basic English *Voice of America* scripts from January, 1953. Includes also various analyses of effects of broadcasts. About four reels per year.

#### Railroad materials.

Railroad collection. Annual reports, guides, timetables, and miscellaneous publications of railroad companies in the U. S. and approximately 18 foreign countries. Includes a run of the "Official Guide of the Railways," 1871-1919, and another set of this guide, 1871-1953, in the cataloged collection.

Chicago railroad terminal studies. A large mass of studies, reports, and drawings assembled during 1912-1915 by a special Committee of Investigation on Smoke Abatement and Electrification of Railway Terminals (of the Chicago Association of Commerce). Includes 418 bound volumes containing electric statistics, freight and passenger services statistics of railroads entering Chicago, reports on smoke conditions, studies of the special electrification committee, tables and charts of all Chicago railway terminal facilities, railroad forms and associated correspondence; 43 packages containing similar materials; 6 portfolios; 89 map cases containing architectural and engineering drawings.

#### War crimes trials documents.

Nuremberg trials. (One of the more complete sets.)

International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg.

Transcript (English). 23 pamphlet boxes.

Document books, briefs, and other records. 13 pamphlet boxes.

Prosecution documents registered for use in the trial. 101 pamphlet boxes.

Subsequent proceedings at Nuremberg (12 cases).

Transcripts (English). 229 pamphlet boxes and 44 bound volumes.

Transcripts (German). 266 pamphlet boxes.

Documents books (prosecution). 50 pamphlet boxes.

Documents books (defense) and miscellaneous documents. 195 pamphlet boxes.

Registered prosecution documents. 421 pamphlet boxes.

Unclassified. 45 pamphlet boxes.

Far Eastern Trials. (Most complete set, other than the Army and the Library of Congress.)

International Military Tribunal for the Far East.

Transcript of proceedings of the Tribunal.

Language corrections in the transcript.

Proceedings in chambers.

Exhibits.

Prosecution documents: English, Japanese.

Defense documents: English, Japanese.

Prosecution summations, etc.: Opening statement, prosecution summation, individual summations, prisoner of war summation, prosecution reply to the defense summation, evidentiary documents 0002-0003.

Defense summations, etc.: Misstatements in the defense summation, Kido summation.

Judgment of the Tribunal and opinions of justices: judgment of the Tribunal, Roling opinion, Pal opinion.

Miscellaneous: USA vs. Yamashita, USA vs. Homma.

Indexes to the record.

Indexes to IPS documents.

Indexes to card files and miscellaneous.

Microfilm copy of a 592-page *Index of Exhibits*.

War Labor Board records.

National War Labor Board regional directive orders. Mimeographed and typewritten orders, opinions, panel reports, etc. Assembled by the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania. Fills 24 file cabinet drawers.

Files and records of the Sixth Regional Office of the War Labor Board. Since the decisions of the Board were not published, these records constitute a unique record of its activities in the Sixth Region. Some files were assembled at the Labor and Industrial Relations Institute at the University of Illinois and the rest at the Industrial Relations Center at the University of Chicago. Approximately 30 file cabinet drawers.

# RAND McNALLY LIBRARY

P. L. Forstall

Box 7600, Chicago 80

Local History Collection

Arranged. Housed separately.

Itemized list not given. (Company documents.)

# DECATUR HERALD AND REVIEW LIBRARY

Agnes C. Henebry, Librarian

Decatur

Local History Collection

Number of items: 700,000 clippings.

Arranged. Housed separately.

Itemized list not given. (Newspaper clippings and photographs cover Decatur and Macon County history.)

## Historical Societies

### KANKAKEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mrs. Fannie Still, Secretary

1525 West Station Street, Kankakee

Local History Collection

Number of items: 16 volumes.

Arranged. Cataloged.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given. (Pictures, maps, land grants, letters, public records, old stock certificates, Kankakee County in the Civil War, genealogies.)

### MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jessie E. Springer, Secretary

Court House, Edwardsville

Local History Collection

Number of items: 130.

Arranged.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

Correspondence regarding Cahokia Mound area.

Pictures of dedication of Wood River massacre monument.

What Our County History Means to the Farmer, by Harvey E. Dorsey, 1946.



- Vitalizing History, by Julian Vallette, 1946.
- Correspondence, pictures, etc. of Madison County Centennial Celebration, 1912.
- Early History of Wood River Township, by Henry B. Eaton, 1948.
- History of the Gillespie Family, by Charles S. Gillespie, 1926.
- Esther Burroughs, Indian Hostage, by Sally Burroughs, 1945.
- The End of Fort Russell, by Jesse R. Brown, 1945.
- Some Madison County Pioneers, holograph by J. Alonzo Matthews, 1930.
- List of pioneer families in each township in the county, holograph (incomplete).
- Lewis and Clark Campsite, by Irving Dilliard, 1950, revised 1957.
- History of the Salem (Wanda) Pioneer Methodist Church, by Ruby Roseberry, 1957.
- Cahokia, Illinois' First Mystery, by Jessie E. Springer, 1948.
- Some Unpublished Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln, by Bishop John Chandler White, 1924.
- Governor Ninian Edwards of Illinois, by Guy Helmick, n. d.
- History of Ninian Edwards, by John B. Edwards, 1923.
- Flagg of Liberty Prairie, by Jessie E. Springer, 1951.
- Beginnings of Edwardsville, by Jessie E. Springer, 1956.
- Colonel Benjamin Stephenson, by Robert C. Lange, 1957.
- Pioneer Settlements in Illinois, by Mrs. Frank Stobbe, 1958.
- The Edwardsville Land Office, by Lena Graham, 1958.
- Early History of Highland, by Mrs. Mary Spindler Suppiger, 1935.
- Modern Woman and Her Club Problems, by Mrs. Harry Bryan, 1941.
- Correspondence, transactions, etc., of the Alton Women's Council.
- Hon. Robert Aldrich, His Reminiscences of the Early History of Madison County, by Henry King Eaton, 1875. Consists of a series of interviews with Mr. Aldrich, first settler in Hamel Township.
- Sixty Years Ago, by Mrs. Viola Edwards, 1955.
- Bethalto Since World War I, by Leslie Prehn, 1951.
- First or Early Business Enterprises of Marine, by Esther Brandeis, 1956.
- History of George Churchill, by Mrs. Viola Edwards, 1936.
- History of Marine, by Mrs. Alberta Mebold, 1956.
- Lydia Bartlett Gonterman, by Laura Gonterman, 1937.
- Historical Review of the Granite City Public Library, by Mrs. Olive B. Stallings.
- Pioneer Women of Illinois, by Mrs. L. M. Castle, 1925.
- The Battle of Buena Vista, by Colonel William E. Wheeler of the 2nd Illinois Regiment, holograph, n. d.
- Early History of Illinois Historical Society, by William L. Waters, 1938.

- My Pioneer Mother, by Mrs. Cyrus (Anna Dake) Love, 1947.
- Mother, by George H. Coventry, 1947.
- The Pioneer Mothers of My Community (Liberty Prairie), by Mrs. Harry (Anna Robinson) Bryan, 1947.
- Renewing the Youth of Our History, by R. Louise Travous, 1945.
- Report of WPA Work in the Museum, E. W. Burroughs, 1940.
- The Life Story of Dr. D. D. Collins, by Mrs. Daisy Collins Biel, 1940.
- Illinois' First Institution, by Herbert C. Crocker, 1932.
- History of Early Baptists, Centering Around Edwardsville, by Earle D. Sims, n. d.
- 50-Year History of Alton Council of Church Women, by Mrs. S. B. Stifler, 1927.
- Thirty-Year Anniversary of the Class of 1881 (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale), by Charles E. Burton, 1911.
- Chronicles of "The Church of Christ at Monticello," by Cynthia Mason Sawyer, 1933.
- Primitive Dominion, by J. Nick Perrin; a treatment of the Mound Builder Culture, 1929.
- Early Red Cross Work in Madison County, for newspaper release, World War I. Of limited value.
- Manuscript histories of Boy Scout work in the county.
- Year Books
- Edwardsville Monday Club, 1911-1927.
- Edwardsville Literary Club, 1909-1910.
- History of Edwardsville Fire Department, manuscript.
- Envelope of papers dealing with business firms of the county (very incomplete).
- Photographs of Madison County scenes, published by the W. B. Parrish Company, Chicago, 1894.
- Minutes of meetings of Ladies' Auxiliary of Alton YMCA, 1900-1913.
- Annual report for 1946 of the Alton Association of Commerce.
- History of Hayner Library, Alton, 1933.
- Recollections of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate at Alton, October 15, 1858, by Edmond Beall.
- Four old letters to W. T. Norton, from John A. Logan, Jehu Baker, Robert Lincoln, and B. B. Marsh.
- Historical notes by WPA workers, 1938-1942.
- Receipt signed by William Johnston, from Thomas Dimmock, for services rendered at the burial of Elijah P. Lovejoy, dated July 23, 1871.
- Original letters of Gershom Flagg, pioneer of Madison County.
- Personal letters of Sydney Z. Robinson, member of 117th Illinois Regiment during the Civil War.
- Township maps, prepared by the WPA, 1939.

Record book of *Old Settlers Union*, September 21, 1887-June 7, 1922.

Account books

Isaac Prickett, June, 1819-December, 1819, and 1822-1823.

Jacob Kreis, August, 1862-September, 1864.

Records of Lovejoy Monument Association, June 10, 1895-January 5, 1900.

Picture scrapbook of Madison County, 1912.

Original musical compositions of William D. Armstrong, Alton musician.

Family Bibles with family records.

Curtis Blakeman, Marine.

Breath family.

Jeffress family.

Weidman family.

Parker family.

History of the Alton Evening Telegraph, by Paul B. Cousley, 1939.

Scrapbooks, some of historic value, some not.

Newspaper clippings, pamphlets, publicity, etc.

## MANHATTAN

Florence Lynk, Village Historian

Local History Collection

Number of items: 15 record books.

Arranged. Housed separately.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

Record books of township town meetings, from establishment (1854) to date.

Some books of cases tried by Justices of the Peace in the township.

Pamphlets compiled by early settlers' families.

History of the oldest church.

History of the township library.

## OGLESBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Albert Moyle, President

Local History Collection

Number of items: Several hundred.

Partially arranged.

Gifts only.

Itemized list:

Chiefly pictures.

Cement plant, 1895 to date.

Oglesby Coal Company (defunct).

Carlton Coal Company mine (LaSalle County).  
Black Hollow mine.  
City projects, 30-50 years back (poorly dated).  
Coal mine maps. Two.  
Oglesby Union Church History, 1867, 1890 to date.  
Other items not listed.

#### WINNETKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mrs. Arthur R. Sawers, Secretary  
1446 Edgewood Lane, Winnetka

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Presently in storage.

Gifts only.

Itemized list not given. (Materials to be housed in new public library in near future.)

## Private Collectors

#### ROGER W. BARRETT

222 Leicester Road, Kenilworth

Manuscript Collection

Number of items: 300.

Not available to general public.

Cataloged.

Itemized list not given. (Letters and papers of important persons, literary and historical.)

#### JOSEPH L. EISENDRATH, JR.

350 North Deere Park Drive, Highland Park

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Number of items: 200-250.

Available to qualified persons only.

Itemized list:

Civil War Collection.

Soldiers' letters.

Miscellaneous items relative to contemporary high officials.

Scrapbooks with unusual material relative to war activities.

Scrapbook of Leonard Volk, sculptor, relating much of Chicago interest, especially beginnings of Art Institute. Much material other than printed clippings.

Complete research notes relative to prison Camp Douglas at Chicago.

Official Records of the War of the Rebellion (Army and Navy)  
U. S. Government-issued.

## ELMER GERTZ

120 S. La Salle Street, Chicago 3

## Manuscript and Local History Collection

Number of items: Several thousand.

Available to qualified persons only.

Bibliographies: Various articles about portions of collection have appeared in *Manuscripts*.

## Itemized list:

General items relating to journalism.

Letters to, by or about and manuscript material in general:

Charles A. Dana.

Horace Greeley.

*Chicago Tribune*, with special reference to Robert R. McCormick and Joseph M. Patterson.

Frank Harris.

Clarence Darrow.

Bernard Shaw.

Harry S. Truman.

Adlai E. Stevenson.

George Sylvester Vierick.

Galena.

Chicago housing history.

## JOHN A. GUSTAFSON

R. 1, Box 294, Batavia

## Local History Collection

## Itemized list:

## Manuscripts

History of Batavia, by Lucile and John Gustafson (typewritten).

Chronological History of Batavia, compiled from miscellaneous sources and since February, 1893, from the files of the *Batavia Herald* (1833-1957).

Minutes of Congregational Church, Batavia, from organizational meeting, August 8, 1835, to date.

Minutes of the Batavia Lyceum Association, October 5, 1866-February 9, 1872.

Register of Hotel Howell, Batavia, June 15, 1885-March 30, 1889.

## Maps

Wall map of Kane County, 1860 (fair condition).

Bird's-eye view of Batavia from the northeast, 1869 (good condition).

Combination atlas-map of Kane County, 1872, published by Thompson & Everts, Geneva.



**WILLIAM HERZOG**

3318 Lake Shore Drive

Chicago 13

Manuscript Collection

Number of items: forty.

Itemized list not given. (Lincoln material and rare books.)

**ROGER Q. KIMMEL**

1325 Walnut Street, P. O. Box 114, Murphysboro

Manuscript Collection

Number of items: Several hundred.

Available to qualified persons under supervision of owner.

Partially cataloged. Housed separately.

Itemized list:

Mortgage on a slave.

Five letters written during an ox wagon trip to Colorado in 1859.

Diary of a Civil War chaplain, describing New Madrid earthquake of 1811.

English deed on parchment, 1597.

American deed, 1663.

Deed for land at Strausburg, Pennsylvania, on parchment, 1798.

Signature of John Quincy Adams, 1819, on scroll of facsimile signatures of signers of Declaration of Independence.

**C. F. MONTGOMERY**

White Hall

Manuscript and Local History Collection

Itemized list:

Thirty-six autographs of signers of Declaration of Independence.

Photos of historical interest signed by famous people.

Old map of Greene County.

Power of attorney granted by John Hancock.

Document signed by Smith of the Pennsylvania delegation, acting as attorney for client.

**C. W. OLSEN**

6558 South Halsted Street, Chicago

Manuscript Collection

Number of items: 2000-3000.

Housed separately.

Itemized list:

Two sets of Presidents' signatures.

One set of signatures of signers of Declaration of Independence.

150 Lincoln pamphlets and memorabilia.  
John Brown manuscripts and memorabilia.  
Mormon letters and memorabilia.  
Revolution and Civil War letters and memorabilia.  
Letters

Albert Schweitzer.  
Truman-Lewis "dog catcher" letters.  
Paul Revere-Dr. Guillotin.

#### WILLIAM M. SPENCER

231 S. La Salle Street, Chicago

##### Manuscript Collection

Number of items: 3000.  
Not available to general public.  
Arranged. Housed separately.  
Itemized list not given. (Napoleonic letters, documents, etc.)

#### HUNT H. UNGER

P. O. Box 813, Chicago 90

##### Manuscript Collection

Number of items: 100.  
Available to qualified persons only.  
Arranged.  
Itemized list not given. (Manuscripts by and about Franklin D. Roosevelt, the New Deal, World War II. Included in collection of approximately 3000 books and manuscripts with copyrighted name, "Franklin D. Roosevelt Bookania," located at 322 Main Street, Evanston.)

# Name Index to Survey Material

This index covers pages 353 to 392 of this issue, which consists of information gathered from questionnaires sent out by the Illinois State Library. The index is an author and name index only, not a subject index.

References are to the section of the survey in which the material is described, followed by the specific source. For example, material on ADAMS, John Quincy, will be described under Private Collectors, Roger Q. Kimmel. Other abbreviations used are Coll.—Colleges; Hist. Soc.—Historical Societies; P. L.—Public Libraries; and Sp. L.—Special Libraries.

- ADAMS, John Quincy  
Pri. Col., Roger Q. Kimmel
- d'ALBERT, Eugene  
Coll., Roosevelt Univ.
- ALDRICH, Robert  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- ARMSTRONG, William D.  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- AUBER, Daniel  
Coll., Roosevelt Univ.
- AUGUSTINE, Archie  
Coll., Ill. State Normal Univ.
- BAILLEU, Arnold  
P. L., St. Charles
- BAKER, Jehu  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BANDEMER, Susanne  
Coll., Roosevelt Univ.
- BARGER, Eloise R.  
P. L., Charleston
- BATES, H. N.  
P. L., Rockton
- BEALL, Edmond  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BEAUREGARD, Pierre G. T.  
P. L., Chicago (Civil War Collection)
- BEECHER, Edward  
Coll., Illinois College
- BERIOT, Charles  
Coll., Roosevelt Univ.
- BIEL, Daisy Collins  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BIERBAUM, Otto  
Coll., Roosevelt Univ.
- BIGELOW, Ellen  
Coll., Ill. State Normal Univ.
- BINGHAM, (not given)  
Sp. L., Art Institute of Chicago
- BLAKEMAN, Curtis  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BONAPARTE, Napoleon  
Pri. Col., William M. Spencer
- BONNEY, Charles Carroll  
P. L., Chicago
- BOWLEY, Bessie  
P. L., Belvidere
- BOYD, Stephen  
P. L., Urbana
- BRADFORD, John H.  
Coll., Monmouth College
- BRANDEIS, Esther  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BREATH Family  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BROD, Max  
Coll., Roosevelt Univ.
- BROMFIELD, Louis  
Coll., Ill. State Normal Univ.
- BROWDER, O. L.  
P. L., Urbana

- BROWN, Jennie Fern  
P. L., Charleston
- BROWN, Jesse R.  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BROWN, John  
Pri. Col., C. W. Olsen
- BRUBAKER Family  
P. L., Girard
- BRUCH, Max  
Coll., Roosevelt Univ.
- BRUMBY, D.  
P. L., Flossmoor
- BRYAN, Mrs. Harry (Anna Robinson)  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BRYANT, William Cullen  
Coll., Ill. State Normal Univ.
- BUCHAN, Earl of  
Sp. L., Art Institute of Chicago
- BURNHAM, D. H.  
Sp. L., Art Institute of Chicago
- BURROUGHS, E. W.  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BURROUGHS, Esther  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BURROUGHS, Sally  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BURTON, Charles E.  
Hist. Soc., Madison Co. Hist. Soc.
- BUSEY, Paul G.  
P. L., Urbana
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